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BIG ANTI-CHIANG ALLIANCE.

SIX PROVINCES MAY UNITE.

CANTON LIKELY TO BE THE HEADQUARTERS.

MILITARY INTRIGUES.

Shanghai, Feb. 1.
The differences that have arisen between the militarists of the Nanking and Wuhan parties are assuming greater proportions, it is rumoured, and it is foreshadowed as likely that General Pei Chung-hsi may threaten Chiang Kai-shek's party, following the suppression of the Hunanese.
This action may possibly result in putting Chiang in a critical position, because signs of disloyalty are manifesting themselves among several of his commanders.—*Naval Wireless.*
Big Anti-Chiang Alliance.
Colour to the above news is lent by a report in Chinese circles that the "Kwangsi Clique" is engineering a move to "declare hostilities against Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, and to secure the unification of six provinces, with Canton as the headquarters."
The provinces involved are Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Yunnan, Kiangsi, Hunan and Hupeh, and it is reported that before long there will be a big meeting of all the militarists of these provinces in Canton.
If such a scheme materialises, it will mean a further Kuomintang split, possibly more armed strife and the imposition of heavy taxation on to the people of the Two Kwangs, Hunan and Hupeh, with many Chinese fear, damaging results to trade and commerce in South China, in view of the financial problems already confronting the Canton Government.
Fighting in Hunan and Hupeh has now reached the final stage and it is expected that General Pei Chung-hsi, whose troops are now controlling Hupeh, will be one of the supporters of this new alliance.
Kwangsi is still under the rule of General Wang Shao-hung, who undoubtedly will follow the orders of his chief, Li Chai-sum.
Hunan, at present, is for the greater part under the control of General Cheng Chien, the leader of the Nationalist 4th Army Corps, whose name figured prominently in the Nanking outrages. Recent reports from Canton suggest that Cheng Chien has a strong desire to join hands with the "Kwangsi Clique." One report says that a delegate from Cheng has actually arrived in Canton from Hunan to negotiate with Li Chai-sum, on matters pertaining to the proposed alliance against Chiang Kai-shek.
Another dominant militarist now controlling Hupeh is General Hu Taung-tu and it is stated that the latter's representatives have also left Hupeh for Canton to attend the coming big military conference.
Some Doubt.
What appears to be somewhat in doubt is whether the rulers of Yunnan and Kiangsi will agree to work in with the "Kwangsi Clique," but it is said that to both provinces Li Chai-sum has sent representatives, with the object of persuading the rulers to work for the downfall of Chiang Kai-shek. There is a strong likelihood that the Military Governor of Kiangsi, General Chu Pei-teh, will fall in with the plans of Li Chai-sum, but the attitude of Yunnan is still uncertain though it is known that Yunnan militarists are in close touch with the Cantonese General, Fan Shok-sang.
The recent victories in Hunan by the troops of General Pei Chung-hsi and Cheng Chien is another factor which may hasten the conclusion of the proposed alliance. According to a Chinese report, some of the armies of the defeated General Tang Seng-cho in Hunan, including the units of General Li Ping-hsien, have surrendered to Pei Chung-hsi unconditionally.
In connexion, it is said, with this anti-Chiang campaign, General Fan Shok-sang arrived at Canton for a conference it was decided that he should return to the northern part of Kwangtung or else proceed to Yunnan to make arrangements in connexion with the alliance.

AMERICA'S NAVAL PLANS.

NO NEED FOR BRITAIN TO GET EXCITED OR ANNOYED.

MR. BRIDGEMAN'S VIEW

London, Feb. 1.
Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in the course of a speech at Whitehall this evening, after stating that the British policy at the Geneva Naval Disarmament Conference was justified, pointing out the reasons therefore, declared that there was no need to get excited, worried or annoyed over the naval programme detailed by the United States.
America, he said, had a perfect right, subject to the terms of the Washington Convention, to build whatever fleet she thinks necessary for her own defence.
"Whether her programme will assist in a general limitation of armaments is another matter." It was inconceivable, he continued, that either America or Britain should intend aggressive and warlike ideas in these days.
"Let us both continue with what we consider necessary for our own needs," he concluded. "We can only hope that if the United States builds a larger Navy it will be as great a factor in the preservation of the peace of the world as the British Navy has been."—*Reuter.*

U. S. WOMAN OFFICIAL ACCUSED.

NEARLY \$200,000 SAID TO BE INVOLVED.

New York, Feb. 1.
It is learned from Albany that Governor Smith has recommended the institution of criminal proceedings against Mrs. Florence Knapp, and is seeking the State Attorney's advice with regard to the civil proceedings recommended by the investigator into the charges, for the recovery of part or all of the wrongfully expended money.
The sum involved is stated to exceed \$197,000.—*Reuter's American Service.*
Mrs. Florence Knapp is the only woman ever elected to State office in New York, and is accused of forgery, grand larceny and other criminal offences while administrator of the 1925 State Census.
German Appeal for Evacuation.
Berlin, Feb. 1.
Before the close of the debate on foreign affairs, Dr. Stresemann, the Foreign Minister, appealed for the raising of "the iron curtain between France and Germany," meaning the evacuation of the Rhineland.
This, he said, was necessary in order to open the way to rapprochement between the two countries.—*Reuter.*

GERMAN APPEAL FOR EVACUATION.

TO EFFECT BETTER FEELING WITH FRANCE.

San Francisco, Jan. 23.
Sustaining the local Federal Court, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals today awarded the Matson Company a judgment of \$40,000 in connexion with a libel suit brought by the company as a result of a collision between the Melville Dollar and the Mauna Ala off the Oregon coast in 1925.—*Associated Press.*

COLLISION SEQUEL.

MATSON COMPANY GETS \$40,000.

Washington, Feb. 1.
The Finance Committee of the Senate has accepted the provisions of the Allens Property Bill, for the immediate return of 80 per cent. of the confiscated German property, and the payment of \$100,000,000 on the German ships, patents and wireless stations seized during the war.—*Reuter's American Service.*

U. S. REPARATION.

PAYMENT FOR GERMAN SHIPS SEIZED.

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FOREIGN OFFICE SCANDAL.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS IN BANK CASE.

MRS DYNE, WOMAN OF STRAW, DENIES SUGGESTIONS.

JUDGE'S INFERENCES.

London, Feb. 1.
The Prime Minister in consultation with the Foreign Secretary has directed an immediate enquiry in connexion with certain statements made affecting civil servants in the course of a lawsuit in which Messrs. Ironmonger and Company, Bankers, of Angel Court, Throgmorton Street, claimed £39,000 from Mrs. Aminta Marjorie Bradley Dyne in respect to losses suffered in currency transactions in December 1925, and January 1 and 2, 1927.
Mrs. Dyne, who pleaded the Gaming Act, alleging that the transactions were merely gambling in differences.
In the course of the proceedings it was stated that Mrs. Dyne was a friend of Mr. Gregory's mother, and that during the War she acted as Gregory's secretary.
The defendant denied in Cross-examination that she acted in partnership with Gregory in currency transactions, or that code telegrams were sent by her through the Foreign Office when she was abroad.
"Abominable and Scandalous."
Mrs. Dyne's counsel addressing the jury, described the suggestion with regard to the code telegrams as "abominable, scandalous and utterly baseless."
Mr. Justice Horridge, in the course of his summing-up, said that Messrs. Ironmonger's counsel had opened the case without referring to Mr. Gregory at all, while Mr. De Wael, one of the partners in the firm, also gave evidence without mentioning him.
Woman of Straw.
When cross-examined, however, De Wael (to show that Mrs. Dyne was so much a woman of straw that she had to take a situation at Warrington and also dispose of her beloved jewellery) said he relied in his dealings with her on the strength of her "introduction."
On following up this statement, it was elicited that she was introduced by a man with this influential position in the Foreign Office.
Judge Declines to Comment.
Mr. Justice Horridge said he did not intend to comment upon the matter, which was one for the jury to decide for themselves.
When the jury found for the plaintiffs, counsel asked for a stay of execution, but this was refused by Mr. Justice Horridge who pointed out that Mrs. Dyne had testified that she practically hadn't a half-penny in the world.
The jury found for the plaintiffs. The evidence showed that Mrs. Dyne was introduced to Messrs. Ironmonger and Company by Mr. J. D. Gregory, Assistant Foreign Under-Secretary. Mrs. Dyne stated that Mr. Gregory had certain transactions with her and she made payments to him, also to Commander Maxse who was also employed at the Foreign Office.
The Board of Enquiry.
The Board of Enquiry will consist of Sir Warren Fisher, Sir Malcolm Ramsay and Mr. Maurice Gwyer.—*Reuter.*
[Mr. John D. Gregory, C.B., C.M.G., has been Assistant Under-Secretary of State since 1925. Sir Malcolm Ramsay, Ramsay, K.C.B., C.B., is the Comptroller and Auditor General of the Exchequer and Audit Department.
Mr. Maurice Gwyer, C.B., is H. M. Procurator General and Solicitor to the Treasury.]

WAR MONUMENT TO CHINESE.

NOW BEING ERECTED IN PUBLIC GARDENS.

SEAMEN REMEMBERED

A monument is at present being erected in the Public Gardens, which will take the form of a Chinese *Pai Lau* in commemoration of Chinese members of the Mercantile Marine who died at sea through enemy action during the Great War.
The Imperial War Graves Commission has for some years been dealing with the question of erecting memorials to those who died in the Great War and in connexion with the project mentioned above, the Commission is prepared to spend a sum of £1,000. It is understood that any cost additional to this will be borne by the Hongkong Government.
The memorial will be erected at the top of the steps which lead into the Botanical Garden at the north-eastern or main entrance. This spot is very popular with the Chinese community and the monument, which will be built of the best quality granite, will span the path at the top of the steps. The inscription on one side of the monument, in Chinese, will read, when translated: "In memory of the Chinese who died for the country during the European War, 1914-1918." On the other side of the monument will be the inscription: "Erected by the British Imperial War Graves Commission."
It is hoped that the memorial will be completed by the end of March.
Messrs. Palmer and Turner are the architects, and the construction work is being carried out by Messrs. Wing Yick, contractors. It is believed that the cost of the memorial will not exceed the amount which the War Graves Commission is prepared to allot.
PICKPOCKET'S BAD CHOICE.
VICTIM PROVES FASTER RUNNER.
Banished from Hongkong in 1916 for ten years, a Chinese known to the police as an undesirable character, a pickpocket and an associate of thieves, was brought before Major C. Willson this morning on a charge of stealing \$50 from the pocket of a Chinese in the third class compartment of a tram yesterday.
Having extracted the money from his victim's pocket, the thief jumped off the tram. He was not quick enough for all his hurry, the victim suddenly realising that he had been "plucked." He also jumped off the tram near the Cricket Ground and gave chase, the pickpocket heading in the direction of the Supreme Court.
What happened afterwards was related to the Court by Harry Loo, a Chinese Police Reservist, who effected the arrest of the thief.
Loo saw a man running in the direction of the Supreme Court with another Chinese in hot pursuit; as the man passed Loo, he dropped something, which the pursuer quickly snatched up, and continued the chase. Loo saw the fugitive seized by his pursuer. Loo said he made enquiries and then took the pickpocket to the police station.
Major C. Willson passed sentence of six months' hard labour.

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Paris, Feb. 1.
M. Horriot and King Amanullah had a conference on the possibility of tightening the intellectual relations France and Afghanistan.—*Havas.*
GREEK DICTATOR TO BE TRIED.
Athens, Feb. 1.
The Government has decided to try the ex-Dictator, General Pangalos, who will be brought to Athens in order that he may present his defence.—*Reuter.*

KING AMANULLAH IN PARIS.

CONVERSATIONS WITH FRENCH MINISTER.

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SEVENOAKS TRAIN DISASTER.

DERAILMENT DUE TO BAD TRACK.

COMPANY'S REPLY TO SIR JOHN PRINGLE.

THE PRIMARY CAUSE.

London, Feb. 1.
The Government Inspector, Sir John Pringle, reporting on the Sevenoaks train disaster of August last, attributes the derailment of the Deal Express to the rolling movement of the engine, initiated by the condition of the railroad.
Sir John Pringle adds that the heavy tank engines of the "River" class were more susceptible to the weakness of the foundation and the irregularities of the track than tenders of the "King Arthur" type.
He agrees that the "River" type is well-designed and suitable for express passenger traffic on well-laid and well-maintained railroads.
The management of the Southern Railway issues a statement on Sir John Pringle's Sevenoaks report, saying that the Company has over eight thousand men employed solely for maintenance of the permanent way. The Company spends over £2,000,000 every year.
The fact that similar engines had passed over the scene of the accident for long periods previously, leaves no doubt in the Company's opinion that the unprecedented spell of wet weather, including the storms on the day of the accident were the primary cause of the condition of the permanent way.—*Reuter.*
Terrible Smash.
The train involved in the mishap, consisted of seven coaches and a Pullman car. None remained intact. The engine and two coaches were overturned; the Pullman car was thrown broadside across the track, and the engine was lying on the bank some yards on the Sevenoaks side of the bridge with its nose buried in the bank. One of the bogie wheels was found lying six yards away from the engine.
It is clear that the engine and probably the whole train were off the metals for a distance of about 80 yards before reaching the bridge.
Immediately after the accident the engine driver expressed the opinion that the bogie wheels left the rails half a mile before the bridge was reached. The evidence of all available witnesses agrees that for some distance before it was derailed the engine and some parts of the train were rocking violently. The train was travelling at 57 miles an hour, "which is well within the speed limit on this section of the track."
The line approaches the road bridge at Riverhead by a bend a mile long, and the engine, as it came along from the direction of London, would naturally be leaning over towards the left. When more than half of that curve had been covered the train began to sway, but when it finally left the metals and began to plough up the track it had actually finished the bend and entered about 400 yards of straight line, with the bridge less than 100 yards distant. It was at that place that the catch-points were encountered, and the derailment became complete.
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DESIRE CANADA'S CO-OPERATION.

PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE STILL TALKING.

OTTAWA GIVES NO SIGN

New York, Feb. 1.
The question of Canada's joining the Pan-American Union continues to be the chief topic of conversation at the Pan-American Conference at Havana, although Canada has done nothing which could be interpreted as an indication that she has any thought of taking the initiative in connexion therewith.
The *Herald-Tribune* has received a telegram which speaks of a curious development, which may result in Canada's becoming a full member of the Union.
The telegram says that a suggestion has been made unofficially by a group of Latin-American states that if the Ottawa Government should decide to send a diplomatic representative to Chile, the Argentine, and Brazil, following the precedent at Washington, she would be admitted to the Unions as speedily as possible.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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NEW EXTRADITION REQUEST.

CANTON SEEKING TWO FUGITIVES.

"MURDERED" MAN TO GIVE EVIDENCE.

HONGKONG ARRESTS.

A story which serves to illustrate prevailing conditions in the interior, was told at the Central Police Court, this morning, when the Canton Government proceeded on an application for the extradition of two Chinese from Tung-koon village, on charges of robbery and kidnapping.
There was originally an additional charge of murder, which was, however, dropped for one of attempted murder, since the fact was established that the victim was alive and would be giving evidence for the Crown. The mistake has complicated the legal procedure in that a fresh requisition will now have to be awaited from Canton before the charge of attempted murder can be proceeded with.
Lengthy argument ensued between the Bench, the Assistant Crown Solicitor and Mr. C. A. S. Russ, representing the fugitives, before Mr. Lindell decided that the hearing should be proceeded with, this being made to date from the provisional warrant issued here for the fugitives' detention, and to be without prejudice to Mr. Russ's case.
Amendment Awaited.
Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, for the Crown, who had raised an objection on the point of the validity of opening the case until the amended and proper requisition was received from Canton, said he might say that if the requisition did not come down by Wednesday it would not come down at all.
Mr. Russ agreed with his Worship that no injustice would be done on the line of action taken by his Worship. He had no wish to put difficulties in the way, but agreed to fall in with the decision, subject to certain necessary reservations.
Evidence was then called, and Un Hin-san, a native of Sheung Un village in the Tungkoon district, said that he was Commander of the *mu tuen*, or Village Volunteers of that hamlet. It was a force mobilised for the protection of the village against bandits, and as such, was organized by the village gentry and elders, and sanctioned by the Magistrate of the district.
Villager Kidnapped.
The Force consisted of 15 villagers, himself as Commander, two Assistant Commanders, and an accountant. He assumed duties on June 7th of last year, being nominated by the village fathers.
He had known both the fugitives, Un Kin and Un Fat, who were natives of his own village, all their lives, and latterly, within the last two years, he had seen them come and go constantly.
On June 18th, one of the villagers was kidnapped and held for ransom. On receiving, in this connexion, a report against the two fugitives, he led out the Village Volunteers to scour the countryside for the missing villager, but the search was unsuccessful.
"A fortnight later, as he was in the village, three men rushed out of a side lane. Warned by a clicking sound, as of a Mauser pistol being fitted on to its stock, he turned round to discover the two fugitives and another man firing at him.
Four Wounds.
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WILFUL MURDER.

VERDICT IN KOWLOON CITY AFFAIR.

A verdict of wilful murder by some person or persons unknown was returned yesterday by the jury summoned at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court to investigate the circumstances of the death of a bean curd ringer, who was killed by three robbers on the night of November 27.

Inspector Lano in evidence said that the woman with whom the deceased had been living had made various contradictory statements to the Police during her detention, whilst Police inquiries were being conducted into the affair. After being released she remained in Kowloon City for one week and then suddenly disappeared.

The woman had stated that during the night of November 27 she was suddenly attacked by a man who grabbed her by the throat. She then saw two other men enter the deceased's cubicle. The man who had seized her later released his hold and also went to the cubicle. She then rushed out and gave the alarm.

The woman, proceeded Inspector Lano, had told the police that she did not recognise any of the men, but in a subsequent statement she said that the man who had grabbed her was the stepson of one of the neighbours.

The Coroner in summing up the evidence intimated that there was a certain amount of suspicion against the woman, but unless the jury could identify any particular person with the crime they would have to return a verdict of wilful murder by some person or persons unknown.

The jury, without retiring, returned a verdict accordingly.

OBITUARY.

MR. G. C. JACK.

The death is announced, at the age of 70, of Mr. George Cockburn Jack, long a familiar figure in submarine telegraphy. Born at Lower Broughton, Manchester, in 1857, at the age of 16 he entered the warehouse of John Pender and Co., of Manchester. A year afterwards his father came to London on the suggestion of the late Sir John Pender, who was then endeavouring to make the submarine cable commercially successful. Mr. Jack went to London with his father, and for a while was associated with a firm in Mark-lane. Fifty-one years ago he joined the accountant's department of the Eastern Telegraph Company, and 40 years ago he became the accountant to the Eastern Extension, Australasia, and China Telegraph Company, a position which he held at the time of his death. He enjoyed the confidence and the friendship of the board and the principal officers, while by his colleagues he was beloved for his geniality and kindness. Mr. Jack was an old member of the Glovers' Company. He was admitted to the Livery in 1901, joined the Court in 1920, and served as Under Warden in 1921, Renter Warden in 1923, and Master in 1924.

OFFICIAL SUSPENDED.

USURPATION OF POWER IS ALLEGED.

Shanghai, Feb. 1. The Nationalist Finance Ministry has suspended Mr. T.A.M. Castle, the Commissioner of Customs of Wuhu, for usurpation of power, in that he willfully released salt contrary to the orders of the Ministry.—*Reuter*.

Miss Hudson has challenged Miss Gleitz to a swimming race from Malabata Point to Tangier Pier, a distance of 5½ miles, to take place after each has made another attempt on the Straits of Gibraltar.

PIRACY RECALLED.

CORONER'S INQUIRY INTO VICTIM'S DEATH.

A coroner's inquiry into the death of Mr. H. Conway, late chief officer of the San-Nam Hoi and of two Indian Guards attached to the same ship was held before Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon.

The San Nam Hoi, it will be recalled, was pirated on a journey from Pakkai to Hongkong on January 17.

Dr. A. Cannon, Medical Officer attached to the Victoria Mortuary, was the first witness called. He stated that he conducted post mortem examinations on the body of Mr. Conway and on that of the two Indian guards. He found that Conway had a bullet wound in the heart, a shot which was the primary cause of death. The two Indian guards also died of bullet wounds, and the doctor stated that from the body of one of the guards, three bullets were extracted. The three men showed no signs of disease.

Captain N. H. Sparke of the San Nam Hoi was next called. He said that the ship left Pakkai on Tuesday, January 17, at 9.05 a.m. About twenty minutes afterwards, the Captain heard several shots fired. He was in his cabin at the time but on hearing the shots he came out and, looking aft through the starboard side by the telegraph, he saw the Chief Officer in a heap over the deck box.

A Warning.

The Captain stated that he had been warned that there was a likelihood of their being attacked before the Chinese New Year and consequent on hearing the shots he at once surmised that they were being attacked. He rushed out of his cabin with a revolver in each hand and fired at the pirates through an iron barrier which had loopholes in it.

The Captain, at the request of the Coroner, drew a rough sketch, showing the location of the barrier.

Witness states that he exchanged shots with the pirates and that he fired fifteen shots in all. In the midst of the revolver battle, the Captain tried to instil fright into the pirates. This he did by blowing four blasts of the ship's whistle, which was a signal of distress.

During the exchange of shots, the Captain also worked the telegraph "to give the men down below confidence." Witness explained that this step would show the men below that there was still somebody in charge. The engine room answered every order.

The next thing which Captain Sparke did was to steer towards the bank on the port side. At that time, he heard the voice of a member of the Compradore staff protesting in Chinese. He next saw two pirates, using this man as a shield, approach the bridge. The Captain fired at them.

Major Willson: Who did you fire at?

Witness: I fired at the three of them.

Jumped Overboard.

Continuing witness said he was not aware whether he hit any of them as his attention was next moment drawn to the pilot, who went up to witness and said that the pirates had jumped overboard from the stern. Immediately the Captain changed the ship's course.

Seeing heads in the water the Chief Engineer proposed to the witness to shoot at them, which they did. As soon as the people in the water were out of rifle range the Captain examined the Chief Officer and found him dead in a heap over the deck box.

On sending for the Indian guards, one man appeared in his night clothes and later another guard showed himself. The first guard told the Captain that four of the guards were shot and that their cabin had been ransacked. The guards had been held up by the pirates at the point of the revol-

GENERAL CAPTURED.

FENG YU-HSIANG REPORTS IMPORTANT VICTORY.

Shanghai, Feb. 1. Feng Yu-hsiang reports the capture of Tsoochow yesterday after a month's siege. He says that 4,000 Chihli-Shantung troops, 3,000 rifles and 20 guns were taken. He also reports the capture of General Chiang Ming-yul.—*Reuter*.

Further Claims.

Shanghai, Feb. 1. The 37th Army of Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang has received orders to move to Tangshan to co-operate with the force of General Ho Ying-ching in the defence there.

Marshal Feng claimed in his telegram of the 29th ult. that his troops under General Sun Liang-shing entered Tsining, while Generals Lu Chung-in and Liu Chen-wah have captured Taining. He adds that part of General Sun's men have reached Chichow, about three hundred miles south of Shichichwang which the Shansi forces are still holding.—*Wak Kin Yat Po*.

ver and their rooms had been ransacked for arms.

The Captain then went aft to see the guards. In one of the guard's rooms on the port side of the ship he found one man dead outside and three others wounded within the room. One of the wounded guards was a sergeant who told the Captain that one of the guards was very seriously wounded.

Captain Sparke said that although he could have returned to Pakkai, he did not do so, as he thought he would meet a man-of-war a little further on and felt certain that the man-of-war would carry a doctor, whereas he was not sure whether one could be found in Pakkai.

Gumbout Met.

Proceeding on the voyage, the San Nam Hoi came across the armed launch Faulkner. The Captain hoisted the ensign upside down and at half mast and at the same time blew four blasts to attract attention. He dropped anchor and the armed launch went alongside the San Nam Hoi, but there was no doctor on board the armed launch.

The Commander of the launch put three armed men on board the San Nam Hoi and advised the Captain to return to Pakkai, which he did. At Pakkai, the ship's compradore, through the megaphone, managed to get the missionary doctor to go on board the San Nam Hoi. The police and several armed guards also boarded the vessel and after combing out the passengers and crew, they took one man away. The Captain handed one man to the police, who, after the shooting, had been found hiding in a fish bucket.

The doctor at Pakkai announced the Chief Officer dead. He also stated that one of the Indian guards was in a dying condition. The doctor did what he could for the others, performing an operation on deck on one of the Indian guards.

When the San Nam Hoi sailed for Hongkong the doctor was on the boat and was present when one of the Indian guards died.

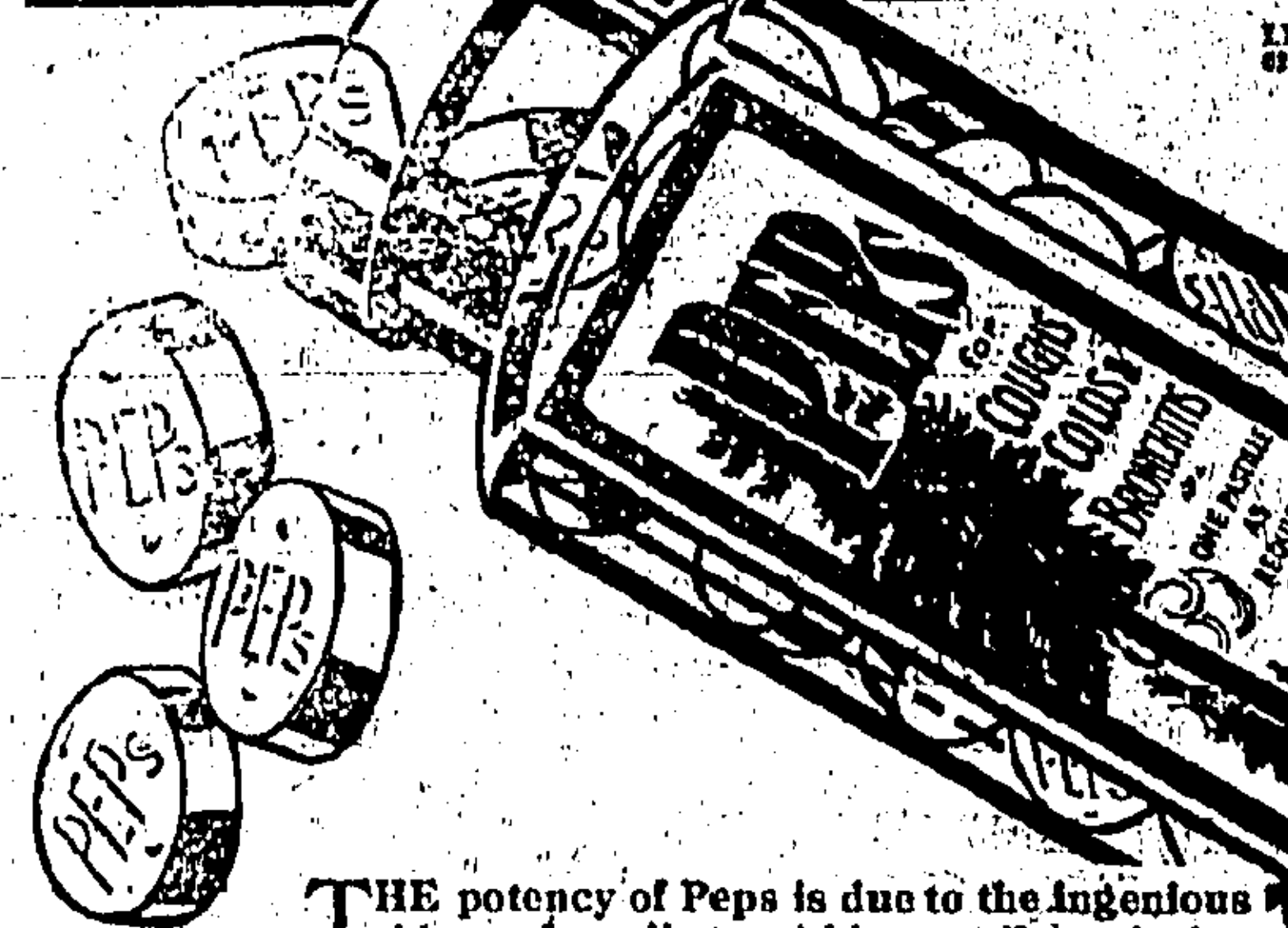
The vessel arrived in Hongkong at 3.15 a.m. on January 18 and was met by the police here.

In answer to the jury, the Captain said that after he had received intimation that they were likely to be pirated before the New Year, he took precautions and had notified the Indian guards to be on the alert.

Mr. M. F. Houghton, the Chief Engineer, corroborated in the main the story told by the Captain. The case was then adjourned until Monday at 2 p.m., when the Coroner and the jury will visit the San Nam Hoi, continuing the proceedings in court at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. M. K. Lo watched the inquiry on behalf of the owners of the San Nam Hoi.

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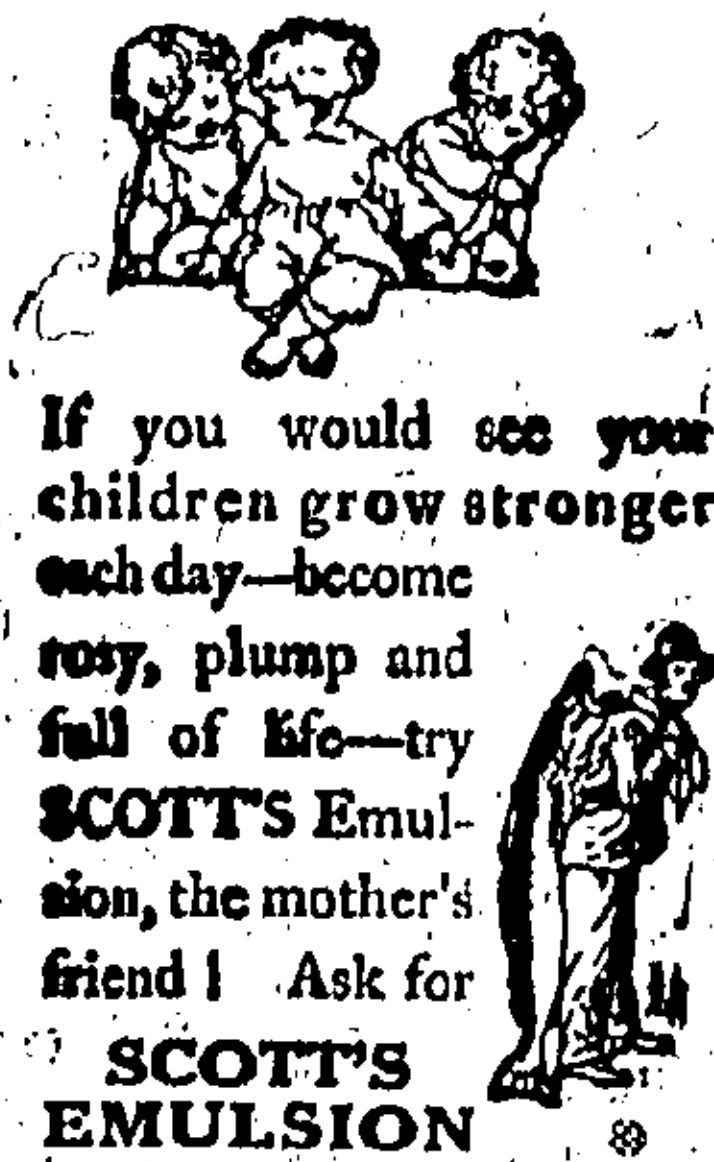
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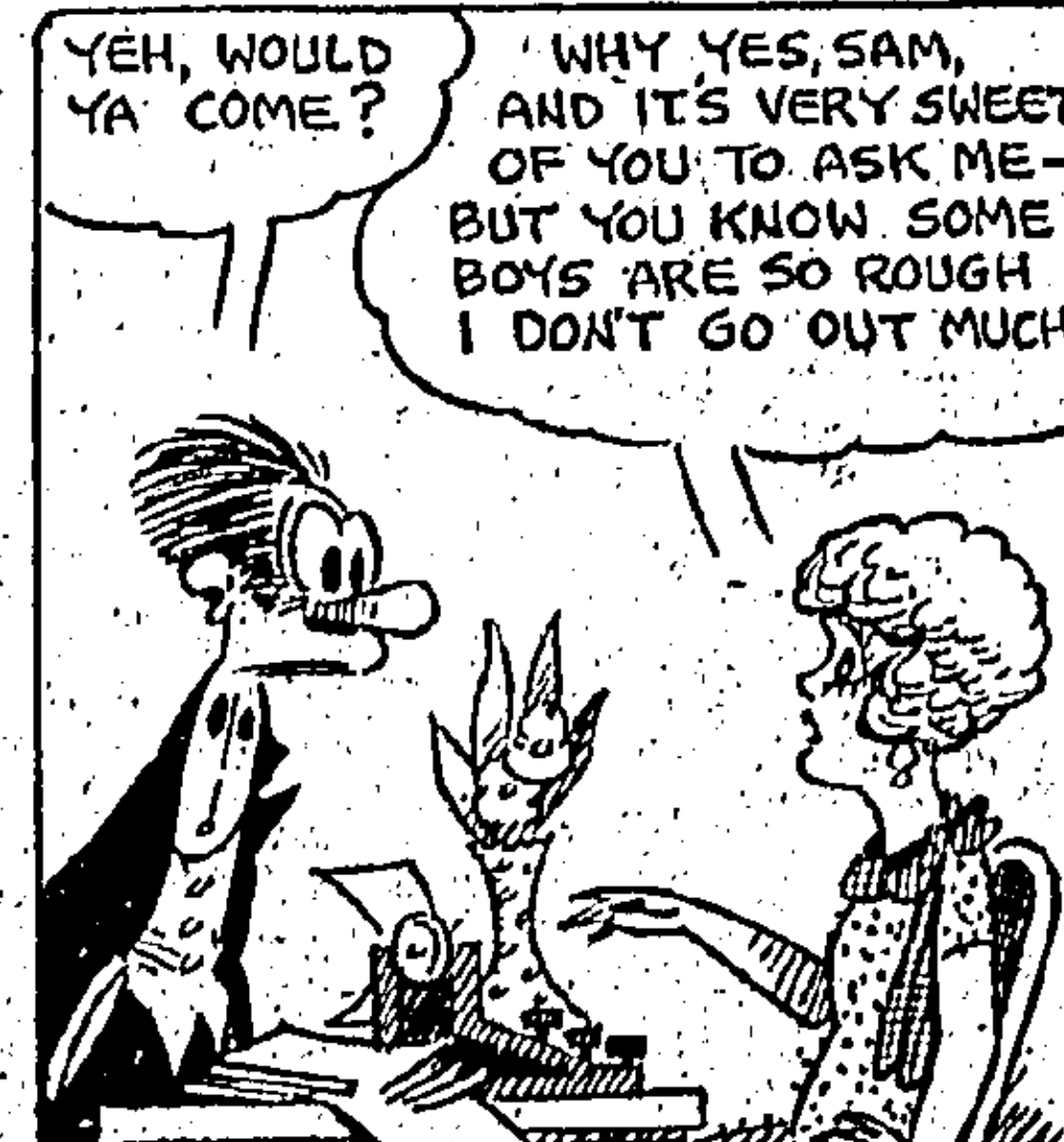
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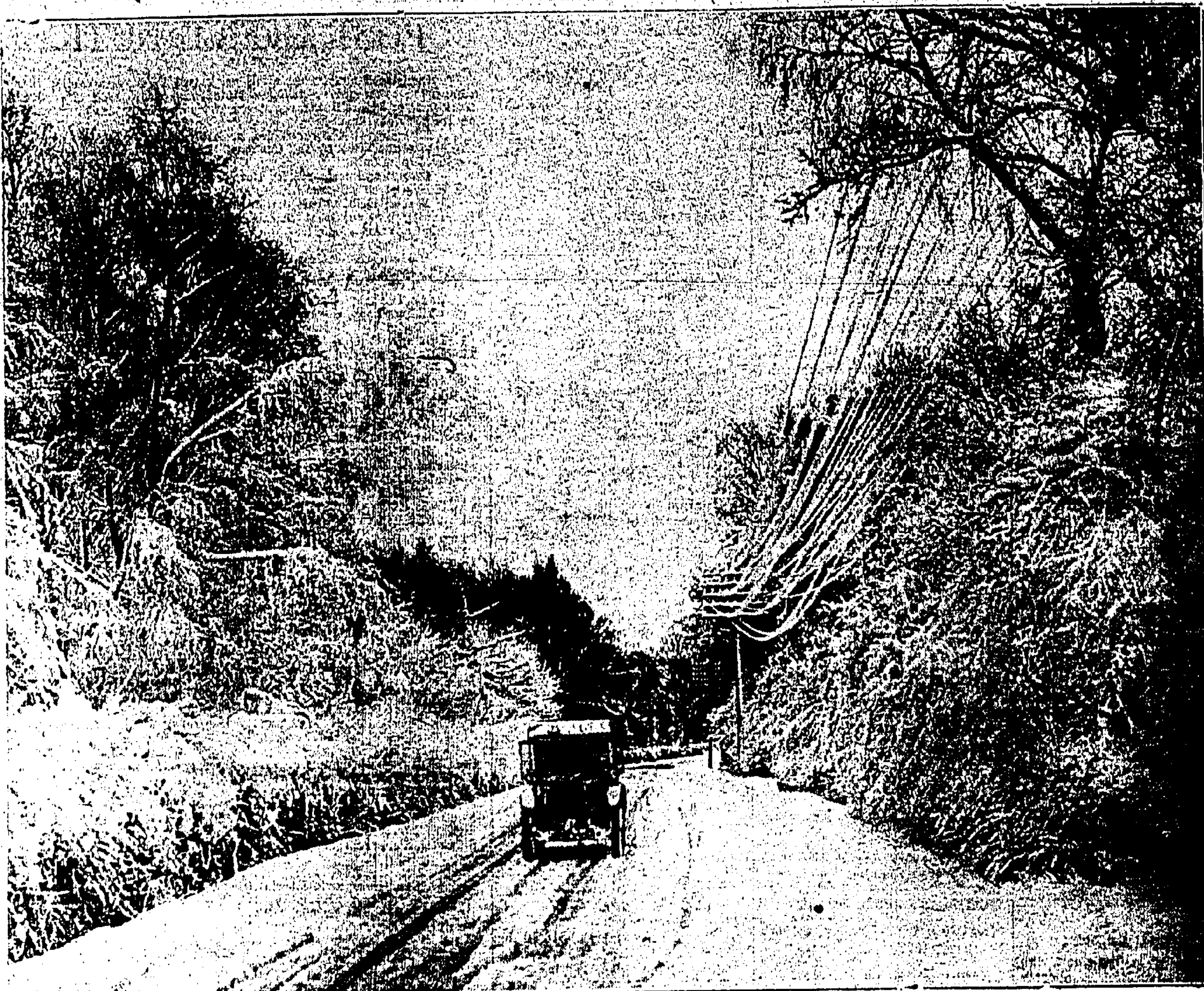
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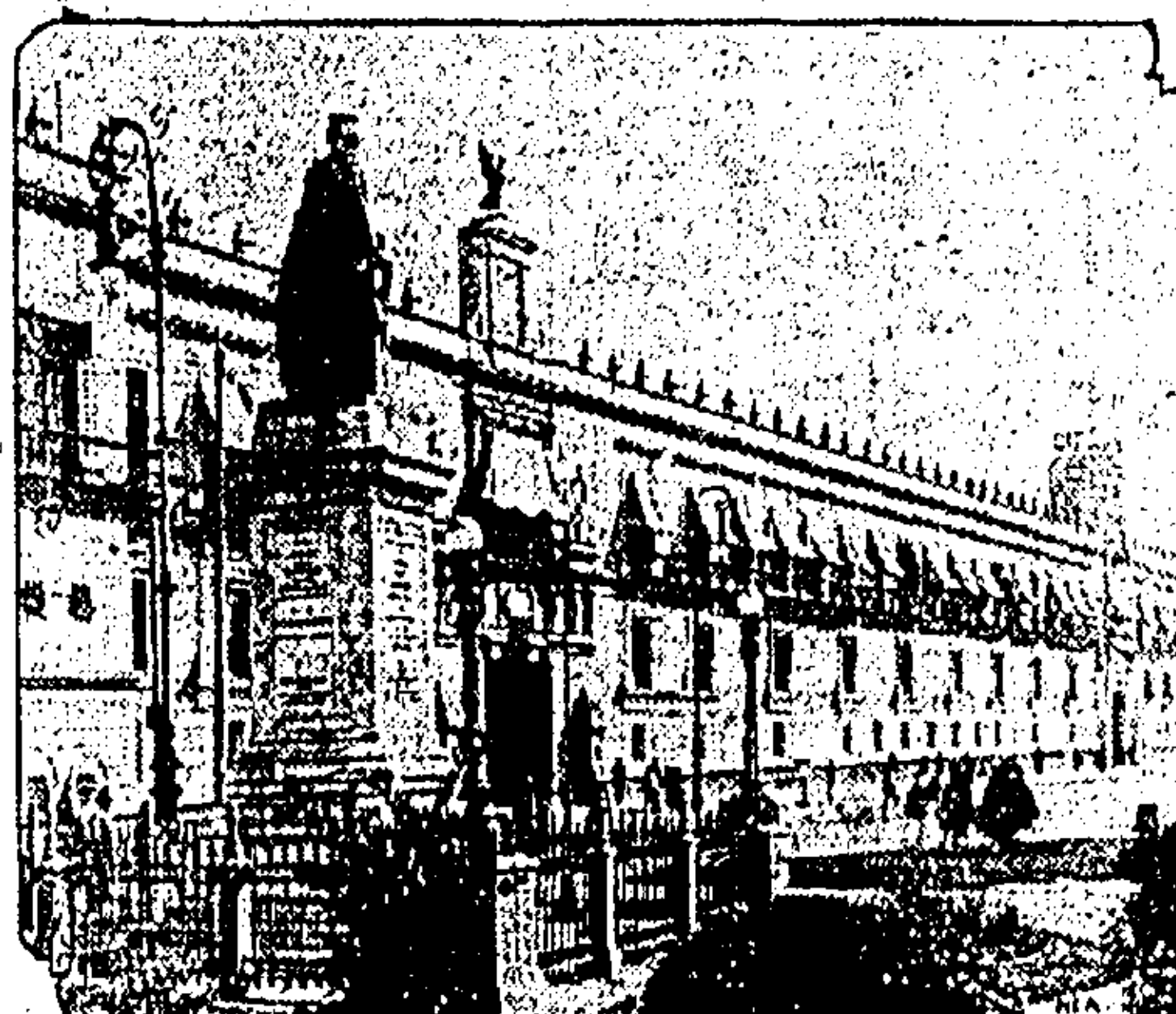
Heavy snowstorms have swept the South of England. Our photograph shows a scene in Sussex on the Brighton-Horsham Road, where there was no sign of a thaw for some days. (Times copyright).



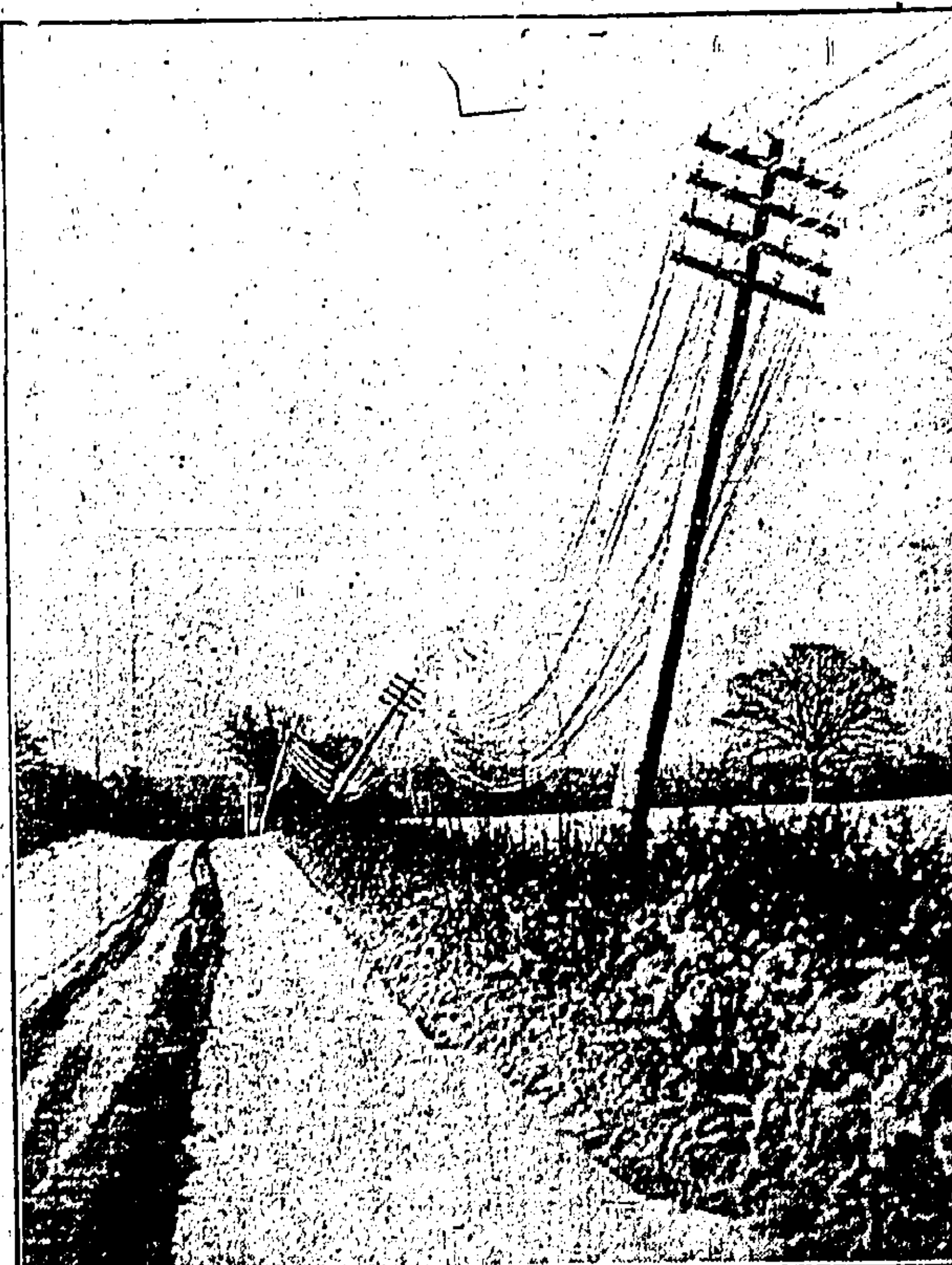
A severe snowstorm recently swept across most of England and Wales. Our picture shows men clearing roads at HydePark Corner on Boxing morning, an important roundabout traffic junction. (Times copyright).



A scene taken in Holborn two days before Christmas, showing crowds of shoppers interested in the wares of the street hawkers, who did a brisk trade. (Times copyright).



Here is the presidential palace at Mexico City, where Lindbergh was entertained by President Calles when he flew to the Mexican capital.



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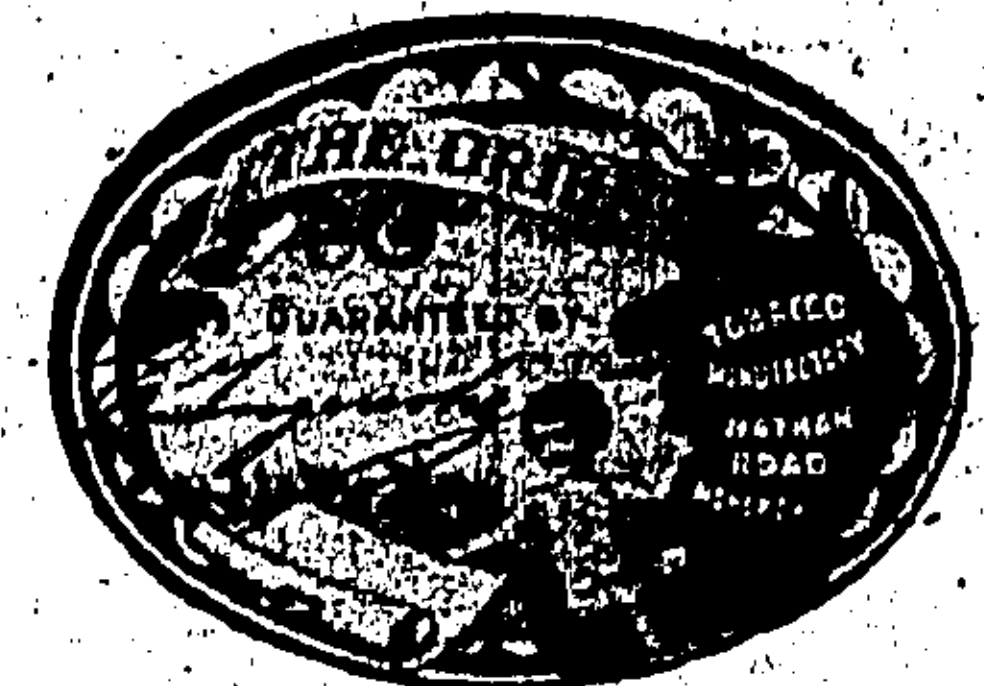
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"MAN A MACHINE."**LIMITS OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE.**

How far may biology push on life preserves? How far can such a forbidden ground exist, and to what extent can science take into account any phenomena that cannot be explained in terms of physics and chemistry?

These are some of the problems raised by Mr. Joseph Needham in "Man a Machine" (Psychic Miniature 12, Kegan Paul, 2s. 6d.). Mr. Needham is an unassuming, though too little familiar, ground when he charges the vitalists with imitating Huxley's "Trespassers" will be prosecuted—Moses, and with having arranged boundaries between living and dead matter, boundaries not to be crossed by science and with setting up the boards further back every time that the experimentalists have crossed over.

Paracelsus, he points out, was an offender with his subtle alchemist dwelling in the stomach who had to give place to the simple action of rubbing "produced by the movements of the coats of the stomach, without the assistance of any Daemon or Stygian liquor;" another writer also offends who has said that "champagne will never change a peasant into a doctor, nor brown bread a philosopher into a fool" for as Mr. Needham shows, "the vitamin in rice husks, more potent than brown bread, may turn a fool into a philosopher."

Japp in 1898 pointed out that there must be something very strange about living matter for all the optically active compounds known were produced by living agencies of one sort or another, but Kipping related him by making them in the laboratory.

Purpose of the Embryo.

The steadfast purposefulness of the embryo supposed to be striving for a certain end, is, the author explains, upset by a whiff of prussic acid, an electric field, a fall of a few degrees in the incubator temperature, or a slight nephritis, and the result is not disorganised growth but organised growth in the wrong direction.

Step by step Mr. Needham shows how the scientific biologist has reclaimed forbidden territory from the philosopher.

Vigorous in his defence of mechanism, he arrives at a reconciliation, if reconciliation it can be called, of the age-old antithesis. "What is man that Thou art mindful of him?" he writes, "is the question to which mechanistic science with its revelation of the extreme littleness of humanity invariably leads. 'Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels' is the affirmation which philosophy, ethics and poetry always make as against his insignificance. Kant was the first who saw that both these statements, appearing as they do to be an antinomy, are only so because they arise from partial and limited experience."

"But," he adds, "the state of exact science where man is a machine is no mean city, even though it be the city of a dream. They that have well considered all the dreams of man and yet go often round about her and tell the towers thereof may be pardoned, I believe, if they hold her to be the noblest and most beautiful of them all."

The Morning Post recently gave particulars of the record figures of Bankers' clearings for 1927. For the first week in 1928 a fresh high level has been established in the matter of the Weekly Clearings, the figures being £1,071,293,000, or about £40,000,000 more than in the corresponding week of last year. Last week's figure is a record in the history of the Clearing House, the previous highest total having been £1,035,722,000 for the week ended October 5, 1927. In both cases the total was mainly affected by Government loan operations.

Colonel C. V. K. Mainwaring, late Indian Army, who saw 30 years' service in Burma, has died at Bath.

WOMAN'S WORLD**FOR OUR LADY READERS.****Dressing Wraps.****IN ASTOUNDING VARIETY.**

Patchwork dressing wraps are the latest idea in bedroom wear for chilly mornings.

The word "dressing-gown" has now gone quite out of fashion in exclusive circles. Instead, one buys either a boudoir gown, a fascinee, a coolie jacket, a Haori coat, or the very latest in slip-on garments—the Pullman negligee, especially designed for the woman traveller. The Haori and coolie coats can also be used as Bridge jackets. Rodier Kasha,

The Children.**HOW TO PLEASE THEM.**

When one is very young folding up nighties and pyjamas is a bothersome task, but it can be made into a pleasant game with the aid of one of the newest Bunny nightie cases. From a case of softest plush a delightful woolly rabbit is peering and he flaps his long ears in approval when tidy little boys and girls put away their night clothes. He makes a companion for the bunny hot water bottle covers which are already so popular.

Dress Fashions.**MAGIC OF THREES.**

Dame Fashion has suddenly developed a passion for triple effects. She demands that dress details shall be triplicated or not exist at all.

Particularly with buttonholes. The newest buttonhole consists of three flowers.

Posies on evening frocks are also made on the triple principle, which is further accentuated by a trio of triple posies being arranged on the gown. Shoulder, waist, and hem posies appear on many of the new

FASHION'S NEWEST FADS.**The Vogue of the New Kid Boot.**

"Kid Boots" are the latest gesture Fashion makes to Milady's insistent cry for variety.

It may be they come via Russia. For certainly there is something suggestive of Russian dances in these new high shoes.

It may be they are a refined, re-incarnated crystallization of the popular galoshes idea.

The fact remains they have arrived, smart as can be and are making a tremendous hit in London. They afford warmth on cold days and welcome protection when the weather is wet.

Improve Any Ankle.

Svelte, beautifully cut from the finest of kids, these high shoes fit to the foot and ankle the way smart gloves do, enhancing the trimness of a well-turned ankle, helping to conceal the unattractiveness of a thick one.

Each pair is really a three-in-one. The cuff can be worn high, fastened around with smart little buckled straps, in which case only one colour of kid shows.

Or they may be worn with the cuff turned over to reveal another, probably a lighter or contrasting colour, and in the third way, they can be worn with the tongue down and the cuff up, which gives them the appearance of being quite a different pair of boots. They are as easily slipped into as the snapped galoshes.

They come in browns, with tan or beige-lined cuffs, in all-over tan, in black and blue kid that is that new continental shade that is heralded as "the" blue for spring.

The Colour Combinations.

Black shoes may take pearl grey lining, or branch out and hit upon scarlet or jungle green or even delicate beige. The blues are apt to take other shades of blue for lining.

The lighter shades, however popular they prove this spring, are not the favourites now that the rich, woody brown ones are. With a luxurious mink coat, these boots seem singularly appropriate.

Shelland wool, embossed velvet, and embroidered taffeta cosily lined for warmth are now being bought as winter wraps.

Hand-blocked French flannel is a new material this season which is being largely used. Kimono sets consisting of the kimono, slippers, and a boudoir cap, all to match and tucked together in a case are highly popular. Ankle-length "dressing gowns" have come back for the winter, though



A wood-brown pair of kid boots sets off a fur coat at the left; above, the smartness of turned-down tongue and cuff; below, a fur-cuffed pair in black with grained inserts.

There is something youthful about them. Yet put black boots on an older woman in a smart black costume, and this new footwear immediately fits into that picture, too.

A version of the high boot that is rich and handsome looking is the fur-cuffed one. These come in various furs and one can order her

shoes to match her fur coat. A neat pair of black shoes takes an ermine cuff and comes higher in price than length, accordingly.

By next winter there will doubtlessly be other variations. But it is questionable if they will surpass these first kid boots in the fitness of material and skillful fitting.

Another member of the bunny family is used to make teeth cleaning into a game as well, for a most important-looking rabbit, all dressed up in his Sunday best, acts as a tooth brush holder.

The shorter wraps which came in during the summer for the smartest wear are still finding favour.

LOCKED IN TUBE LIFT.**CIVIL SERVANTS' ALLEGED ATTACK ON LIFTMAN.**

A "scene" at a London Tube station was described to Mr. Ratcliffe Cousins at West London Police Court recently.

William Robert Griffiths, aged 39, civil servant, of "Newhaven," Potter's Bar, Middlessex, and Ernest William Arthur Dickson, aged 30, civil servant; Roger Dickson, aged 21, engineer; and Dennis Dickson, aged 19, clerk, all of Tailor's Green, East Acton, were remanded charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Edward Loftus, a liftman on the Central London Railway.

Mr. Morley, prosecuting, said that on the evening of December 23 Loftus was going on duty and found the defendants in a lift with the doors and gates partly closed. He requested them to leave, when they attacked him. Dennis Dickson caught hold of his arm and twisted it round, the shoulder being dislocated. Loftus had received injuries in that arm during the war, and as a result of the assault he would be on the sick list for some considerable time. Loftus obtained assistance, and the four men were locked in the lift until the police arrived.

Loftus, cross-examined, denied that he rushed into the lift and shouted excitedly at the defendants and struck at them.

STAR THEATRE.**POLA NEGRÍ'S FINE NEW PICTURE.**

From a drab boarding house to a glittering palace abroad and back again in a rose covered cottage—this is the journey, replete with incidents of hazard, anxiety and happiness, that Pola Negri takes in "The Crown of Lies," which is coming to the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The direction is excellent, giving evidence of the subtle ideas and adroit effects for which Dimitri Buchowetzki is known. Credit is also due to Noah Beery, villain of "Beau Geste," who has the role of an exiled foreign nobleman who goes into the business of "selling a queen" to his country, the real queen having disappeared following a revolution. Miss Negri, of course, the pseudo queen. She is in reality an immigrant girl who aspires to become a great actress. Because of her remarkable resemblance to the missing queen, she gains a throne. Ernest Vajda, noted Hungarian play-wright, wrote "The Crown of Lies" specially for Miss Negri.

ASKED TO DRAW PLANS AS SOBRIETY TEST.**BUILDER ACCUSED OF DRIVING WHILE DRUNK.**

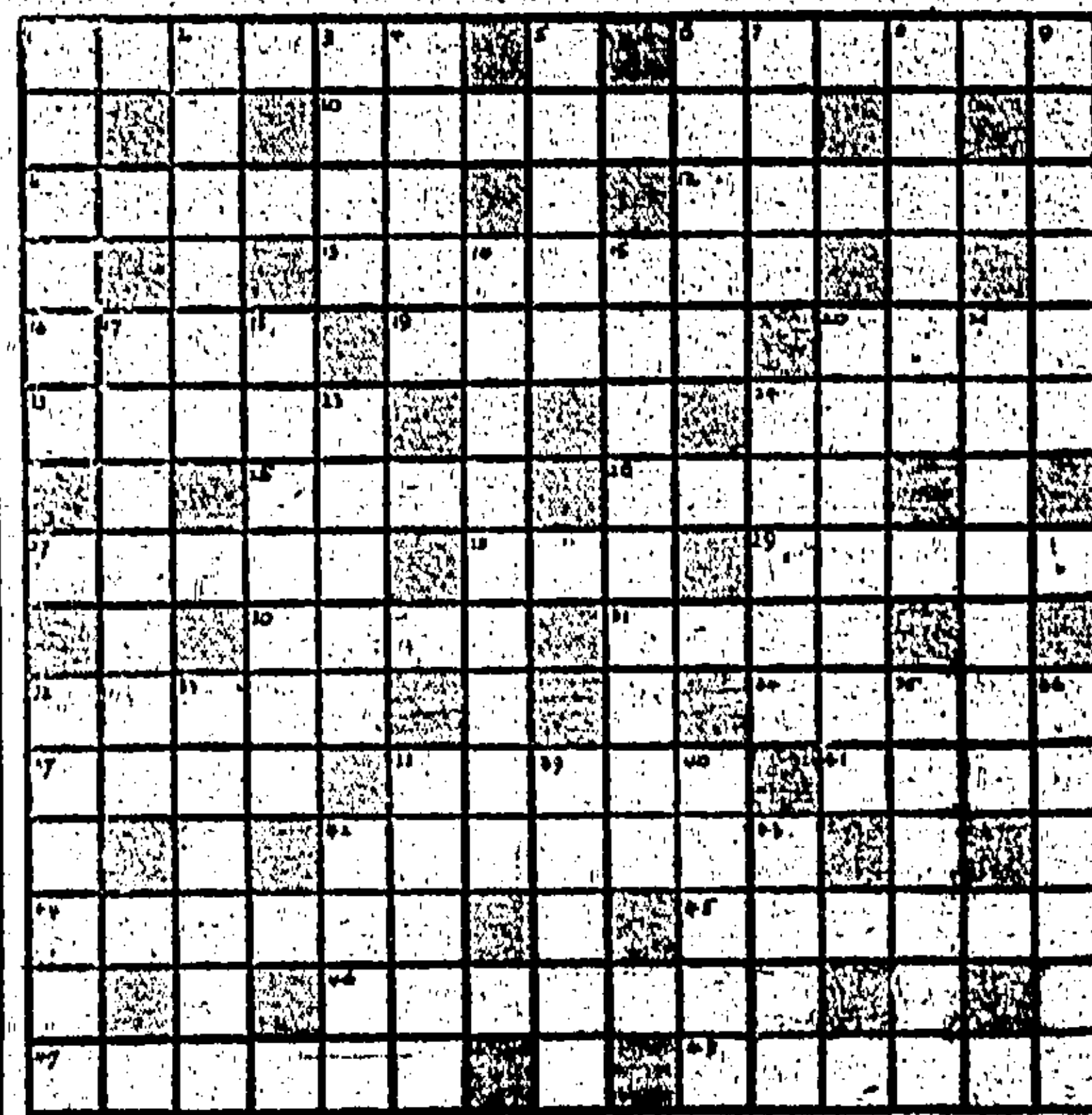
Arrested and accused of being drunk in charge of a car, a builder was asked by the police to answer the following questions as a test of his sobriety:

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Draw plans of a house you sold and draw a section of the roof. Draw a plot of ground with 65ft. of frontage and four chains deep. Put a house in the middle and show what margin you have left.

The builder was said to have satisfied the police, and the charge was dismissed.

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27 Slaps.
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29 Textile fabric such as velvet.
30 Large and beautiful fish inhabiting the Eastern seas.
31 Tidal wave.
32 Medicinal mass to be swallowed.
34 Blockheads.
37 One.
38 Dullard.
41 Christmas carol.
42 Professions.
44 Withhold.
45 Encircled.
46 Turnished.
47 Chooses.
48 Retards.

Down.
1 Numbness.
2 Phlores.
3 Kind of cotton gauze.
4 Go in.
5 Banquet.
6 Furnished with weapons.
7 Employed.

8 Pronounces.
9 Stubborn.
14 Meal prepared from an edible acorn of Barbary oak.
15 Intoxication.
17 Large hollow spherical body.
18 The burbot.
20 Small moveable plane used in balancing flap.
21 Repeat.
22 Grates.
24 Matched.
32 Package.
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36 Gallery in a building.
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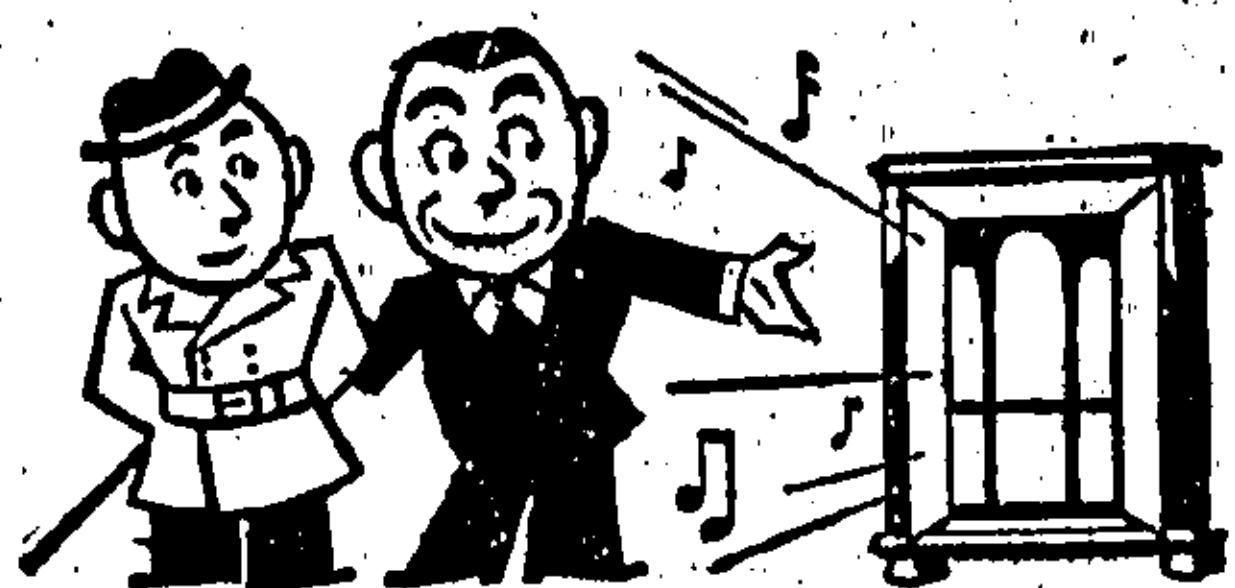
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A WISE MOVE.

The fact, as reported by our
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leaders of the Chinese community
in Shanghai have decided to ac-
cept the offer of three seats on the
Municipal Council may be taken
as a sure indication that the
barometer, as Major General Sir
John Duncan recently put it, now
reads "Set Fair." Like ourselves,
and even to a worse extent in some
respects, Shanghai has been liv-
ing in depressing and troublous
times for the past two years or
so, and for that reason it is in-
tensely gratifying to learn that a
spirit of friendliness and co-opera-
tion is beginning to take the place
of the atmosphere of misunder-
standing and strained relation-
ships. The authorities in the In-
ternational Settlement have been
faced with extraordinary difficul-
ties in the recent past, and al-
though they have done their ut-
most to safeguard the lives and
interests of the huge foreign and
Chinese communities under their
care, extremists amongst the lat-
ter have made use of the un-
settled situation to wage a war of
villification against constituted
authority. As the Council ex-
pressed it some time ago, the
extremist elements have sought to
distort the legitimate aims of the
Chinese in order to serve their
own evil purposes. And we all
know what a crop of trouble that
brought to all sections of the
populace.

On this question of Chinese re-
presentation on the Municipal
Council, it will be recalled that so
long ago as April, 1926, the Settle-
ment ratepayers approved of a
motion brought forward by the
Council offering three seats.
This step was taken because of a
realisation of the point that the
rapid growth of the Chinese
population rendered an altera-
tion in the Constitution desirable.
But although the Powers, the
Peking Government and the Pro-
vincial Government of Kiangsu
approved of the offer, it has only
now been decided to accept it.
When the Chinese members take
their seats, the Council will com-
prise five British, three Chinese,
two American and two Japanese
members. The inclusion of the
new Chinese members, who will
have the same duties and respon-
sibilities as the foreign Council-
lors, will be of value quite apart
from the actual point of represen-

tation, for the Municipality recent-
ly announced that it was waiting
the appointment of these members
before proceeding to the con-
sideration of certain outstanding
problems, the solution of which
required the advice and opinions
of representative Chinese. Fur-
thermore, the Council stated that
it would be guided by the results
of this experiment when consid-
ering how far the policy of devolu-
tion could be applied to a city of
the size and importance of Shang-
hai, where vast international in-
terests are involved. The aim of
the Council is to consider what
further changes can be made by
evolutionary as opposed to revolu-
tionary methods, in an atmosphere
created by mutual respect and
conciliation.

The fact that the Chinese lead-
ers have at length perceived the
wisdom of accepting the offer of
three seats on the Council war-
rants the hope that the future
will witness the closest co-opera-
tion between the foreign and
Chinese communities in the in-
terests of the common weal.
Many foreigners in Shanghai are,
we believe, sympathetic towards
some aspects of the new spirit
that is manifesting itself among
the Chinese, and they have a
desire that all may work in amity.
The decision now taken will ma-
terially help towards that end and
may be regarded as the beginning
of a fresh era of real friendship.

Helping the Needy.

A close of another year of quiet,
but successful, endeavour in an
important sphere of social service,
the amelioration of the lot of the
European who has fallen by the
wayside, shows that the finances
of the Hongkong Benevolent So-
ciety call for serious consideration.
At the annual meeting this morn-
ing, it was disclosed that the So-
ciety has disbursed several thou-
sands of dollars in the assistance
of legitimate cases of distress
during the past twelve months.
The drain on the resources has
reduced the amount to be carried
forward to less than \$200, while
a much more serious state of
affairs would exist, but for a wind-
fall in the nature of a donation
of \$1,000 by an individual who
prefers to remain anonymous.
The name would enable us, per-
haps, to express suitable thanks,
but in itself the action is typical
of the spirit with which the So-
ciety undertakes its responsible
duties in the service of society.
Diligently, but unostentatiously,
has always been the guiding motto
of this charitable organisation,
and it is partly the absence of any
fanfare of trumpets, which may
be said to account for the inade-
quate support from the great per-
centage of the community. The
Society suffers because it does not
advertise its good works. Yet we
would not have those in control
adopt a different policy. It is a
problem which must be faced by every
public-spirited European at some
time or other if the Colony is not
to lose its reputation for gener-
osity in charitable causes. The
real need of the Society is a big
membership, thus guaranteeing a
regular annual income. The
Colony should provide nearer
seven hundred than seventy mem-
bers, even though it may be
experiencing hard times just now.
The subscription is \$12 per annum,
and as Mr. R. Sutherland very
pertinently pointed out this morn-
ing, we owe a certain duty to the
man down on his luck, perhaps for
no reason of his own, and there is
no Poor Rate for which he can
apply. The Society might just as
well invest its balance in Derby
Sweepstakes as rely on windfalls
to keep it going. We heartily en-
dorse Mr. Sutherland's comments
on the situation, which will be
found on another column in this
issue. The Benevolent Society has
a definite place to fill in the
needs of the community. It is a
work which should be performed
by the community, instead of by
a mere handful, who come up
regularly year after year with
their practical aid for the needy.

"Ben-Hur" continues to draw
crowded houses at the Queen's
Theatre. The celebrated chariot
race is a great magnet both to
old-timers who remember the
race in the old stage "Ben-Hur,"
and to the younger folk who have
read about the vastly greater film-
ed race run by forty-eight horses
abreast in a great outdoor arena.
The fine work of Ramon Novarro
in the role of Ben-Hur is second-
ed by superb portrayal of the
Roman, Messala, by Francis X.
Bushman.

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER SPORT
MAKES FOR GRACE OR AWKWARDNESS
IN GIRLS; BUT IT CERTAINLY MAKES
FOR HEALTH.—Miss W. Cartwright.Yesterday's health return shows
one Chinese case of typhoid fever.The P. and O. s.s. Malwa, from
Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. to-
morrow.The quarantine restrictions im-
posed by Hongkong against arrivals
from Sourabaya on account of
plague have been removed.The s.s. Antung, arriving from
Singapore with 434 deck passengers,
reports the death of one on route
from ber-ber. The body was
buried at sea.The master of a fishing boat was
fined \$50 by Mr. W. Schofield, at
the Kowloon Magistracy this morn-
ing, for having eight dynamite
bombs on board his boat without a
permit.It is advertised that the annual
general meeting of the Navy
League will be held in the board-
room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson
& Co., Ltd., on Wednesday, Feb-
ruary 8, at 5.30 p.m.A vegetable stallholder at the
Central Market has reported to the
police that a Chinese who repre-
sented himself as a fook of the
Un Lee shop of Cheung Chow, ob-
tained from him yesterday \$25.58
which was due to the firm by the
stallholder. The Un Lee shop
states that the man was not one
of their fooks.A Chinese in attempting to
alight from a motor bus whilst the
bus was in motion yesterday, fell
and received injuries to his head
and left hand which necessitated
his removal to the Kwong Wah
Hospital. The accident occurred
at 6 p.m. while the bus was pass-
ing No. 7 railway bridge, near
Kowloon Tong.Arrested in a tea-house in Mong-
kok, two Chinese appeared before
Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning, on
charges of being in possession of a
dagger. A third man was charged
with having in his possession wine-
cups and gags, articles fit for an
unlawful purpose. The defendants
were remanded for one week for
further enquiries.This morning's Harbour Office re-
ports gave 15 arrivals and 13 de-
partures, with British numerically
best, leaving 81 vessels in harbour,
British 28. British inward cargoes
were poor, while the through re-
turns for all nationalities were
numerically low. Notwithstanding
this, the first return of five figures
for many months was carried in a
French vessel under this head.

MARINE COURT.

FINES FOR LYING IN SHORE

At the Marine Court this morn-
ing, before Commr. G. F. Newell,
D.S.O., R.N., six boat masters and
mistresses were charged with ly-
ing inshore during dark hours.
Four of the accused pleaded guilty
and two not guilty, these latter
presenting permits from owners
for working cargo at certain
wharves.After police evidence had been
given as to the position of the
boats, by two independent wit-
nesses, the charge was considered
proved and the accused were each
fined \$10, with the usual alternative,
with one exception. This was the
mistress of a Sheki boat who
possessed an expired permit from
the Harbour Office.Two masters were charged with
a similar offence and pleaded
guilty. They stated that they
were respectively employed for
carrying the shore lines for the
Paul Beau and Tung On. They
had seen their ships away at 11
p.m. and were awaiting the arrival
of the night boats at the Praya.
They had permits from the owners.
Both were mulcted in the same
sum and alternative as in the
other cases.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Feb. 1.	
Paris	124
Brussels	34.07
Amsterdam	12.08 1/2
Berlin	20.44
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.57 1/2
Helsingfors	103 1/4
Lisbon	211 1/2
Bucharest	702 1/2
Buenos Aires	47.50 1/2
Shanghai	2.77
Yokohama	1.11 1/2
New York	4.87 1/2
Geneva	25.82
Milan	102
Stockholm	18.10
Oso	18.32
Prague	104 1/4
Madrid	23.49 1/2
Athens	307 1/2
Rio	5.29 1/2
Bombay	1.61 1/2
Hongkong	2.04 1/2
Silver (spot)	28 1/2
Silver (forward)	25.15 1/2

—British Wireless.

SECRETARY TO FOUR
PREMIERS.RETIRE TO TAKE BUSINESS
INTERESTS.

London, Feb. 1.

It is officially announced that
Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Ronald
Waterhouse has, with the consent
of Mr. Stanley Baldwin, resigned
his appointment as Principal Pri-
vate Secretary to the Premier, in
order to be free to accept direc-
torships on the board of the
Canadian General Investment
Trust and its associated com-
panies.The Premier has appointed Mr.
R. A. Vansittart to succeed to the
position vacated by Sir Ronald
Waterhouse, while Sir Patrick
Gower will continue to occupy the
position of joint principal private
secretary.Sir Ronald Waterhouse has been
private secretary in turn to Mr.
Bonar Law, Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Ram-
say MacDonald, and again to Mr.
Baldwin during their Premier-
ships.After a distinguished Army
career, during which he saw much
active service, he retired on
account of wounds. He served
again at the outbreak of the
Great War and took part in the
Retreat from Mons. He was ap-
pointed private secretary and
quarry to the Duke of York in
1921 and in the next year went to
Downing Street.Mr. Vansittart is a counsellor in
the Foreign Office, and was private
secretary to late Marquess Curzon
when the latter was Foreign
Minister.—British Wireless.

"RESOLUTE" CRUISE.

BIG LINER SOON DUE IN
HONGKONG.The s.s. Resolute, the luxurious
cruising steamer of the Hamburg-
American Line, is expected in
Hongkong next month. It is the
fifth time that the Resolute has
circled the globe and her arrival is
looked forward to with consid-
erable interest. The steamer, which
brings a shipload of prominent
Americans and Europeans, makes
a fine sight as she steams into
harbour. With flags flying and
bands playing, the Resolute's
arrival is an "event."Visiting 30 countries, 63 cities,
in a period of 140 days, the Re-
solute will cover a distance of
37,849 miles on land and sea from
the time she left New York on
January 7th, until she returns
there on May 26th.The Resolute, a 20,000 ton,
triple screw oil-burner, is 620 feet
long and 72 feet broad. She was
especially constructed for cruising
service, and her spaciousness and
comfortable luxuries provide
ideal facilities for a long voyage
in the tropics.Architecturally, and from the
standpoint of decoration and
furnishings, the public rooms
are masterpieces, especially the
beautiful winter garden ballroom,
which, because of its attractive-
ness, spaciousness and cheerful
atmosphere, is the centre of the
ship's social life. There dances,
concerts, bridge tournaments,
amateur theatricals, masquerade
balls and other social functions,
arranged at the discretion of Mrs.
Lou Dodds, who has been hostess
on two previous Resolute cruises,
are held.The gymnasium and swimming
pool, as well as the specially
designed sport deck, where deck
golf, shuffleboard, boxing bouts,
etc. can be held at the passengers'
leisure, are much in demand by
persons desiring recreation.In the main dining room, where
the ship's orchestra plays music
at luncheon and dinner from a
canopied balcony, the choicest
cuisine is served. In addition to
the delightful American and
European dishes, menus including
native dishes of the countries visit-
ed along the route are provided.EMPTY HOUSE
STRIPPED.DILIGENT THIEF SENT TO
PRISON.Before Mr. R. E. Lindsay this
morning, a Chinese, charged with
stealing a quantity of electric fit-
tings, door fasteners, locks, bolts,
etc. valued at \$300 from No. 205,
Wanchai Road, Government quar-
ters, at present unoccupied, was
sentenced by his Worship to three
months' hard labour.Sergeant Whelan, of No. 2 Police
Station, who prosecuted, stated
that the robbery took place on
Tuesday and the only property re-
covered was valued at \$15. The
house was completely stripped of
hardware fittings.

The Very Idea!

The famous actor occasionally
showed interest in the lesser lights
about him. One day he was
conversing with one of his stage
hands."And what, my man, is your
vocation?" queried the con-
descending matinee idol.
"I'm a Baptist," was the reply.
"No, no, my good fellow, that is
your belief. I wanted to know
your vocation. For example, I am
an actor.""No," replied the scene shifter,
"that's your belief."He raves and blares and smashes
chairs.And knows not where to stop.
With as much respect for what's
correct.As a bull in a china shop.
As he roars and squeals and rolls
and reels.His manners are frankly bad;
He's a weird young man and a
boogym.But he's known as an under-
grad.Mr. J. A. Hunter, who was en-
gaged by the Game Department to
kill lions and other big game in the
Maasi Reserve, has returned to
Nairobi, having killed 80 lions and
ten leopards in three months, thus
ending a menace to life and prop-
erty in the Reserve. The work
involved many dangerous situa-
tions, including charges by
rhinoceros, buffalo, and elephant,
and two natives were maulled in
the course of the operations.The most interesting feature of
the story is that Mr. Hunter was
assisted by a number of Maasi
armed with shot spears, which,
however, were found to be useless.
The District Officer at Nairobi
called upon the Maasi to produce
15 men who were not afraid of
lions, whereon the Maasi offered to
do so if equipped with their long,
broad-bladed spears and big shields,
which had been taken from them
as part of the Government's policy
of pacification. Thus armed they
proved their courage, attacking
lions daringly single-handed.Man at Clerkenwell County
Court: I lost my work because I
had a little scrap—a fight. Mr.
Registrar Friend: Unlike some
people, you did not make £10,000
out of your fight. It was a real
fight.A shingled girl's head was re-
vealed at Doncaster Police Court
when a motorist, thought to be a
man, was asked to remove "his"
hat.Nottingham motorist: I swerved
away from the cyclist not to miss
him, but to avoid him.
Judge Sir Alfred Tobin at West-
minster: Is a motor-car proof of
the owner's wealth? It may be of
ostentation, but not of wealth."And now," said the woman
speaker, "if there is a man here who
will acknowledge that he would de-
ceive his wife, let him stand up."
In the back of the hall a
meek-looking little man rose to his
feet."Do you mean to tell me," said
the lecturer angrily, "you are so
debauched that you would deceive
your wife?"
"Oh, I beg your pardon," he ex-
plained. "I thought you said 'be-
lieve.'"

More School-boy howlers!

Artificial perpiration is what
you make a person alive with when
they are only just dead.A parallelepiped is an animal
with parallel legs.A phlegmatic person is one who
has chronic bronchitis.A line in geometry is what you
draw and don't see.An hypotenuse is the thing some-
one saw when he had a bath and he
yelled "I've found it."Transparent means something
you can see through—for instance,
a keyhole.The Siamese twins became world-
famous at considerable in-
convenience to themselves, but it
has remained for a White Leghorn
hen, owned by Mr. J. F. O'Dwyer,
of Fairfield, to make egg history in
Queensland. This remarkable bird
recently produced a variety of
the Siamese twins in egg form.She laid a double egg, one part of
which was joined to the other by a
tube. In one was the yolk, and in
the other the "white," and neither
of the "twins" was enclosed in a
shell. The sole covering and pro-
tection seemed to be a thin mem-
branous substance. The "lay"
caused a considerable sensation at
Mr. O'Dwyer's home, and is prob-
ably unique. Incidentally, the hen
did not appear to be any the worse
for the experience.There is no short cut to agricul-
tural prosperity by State action—
Colonel Guinness.A white splash on the mud-
guard of a bicycle would be a
great help to motorists.—Lord
Beauchamp.Grown-ups like pantomimes as
much as ever they did; only the
blase youngsters prefer crook
plays and mysteries.—George
Robey.

EARL HAIG LIES IN STATE.

THOUSANDS PASS THE BIER.

REMARKABLE TRIBUTES TO GREAT LEADER.

FLANDERS' POPPIES.

London, Feb. 1. Thousands of men and women passed by the bier of the late Earl Haig in the Scottish Church of Saint Columba, London to-day. The coffin containing the remains rested on a purple catafalque, and upon it lay Lady Haig's wreath of poppies and Earl Haig's plumed helmet, baton, sword and medals.

At each corner stood a trooper of the Royal Horse Guards with his sword point resting on the chancel floor, mounting guard. Later the Lancers replaced the Horse Guards, and later again they gave place to the Hussars.

The floor was strewn with the flowers brought by mourners, and everywhere among them flamed the Flanders' poppy.

It is stated that Parliament when it meets next week will not only pass resolutions recording the sense of loss felt by the Empire but will also be asked to vote an address to H.M. the King praying His Majesty to direct that a fitting monument be erected to Earl Haig.

Belgian Condolences.

The Belgian Embassy, on behalf of the Belgian Government, has communicated to the Foreign Secretary, a message of condolence with His Majesty's Government on Earl Haig's death.

The message states that Belgium will never forget the eminent part played by the late Field Marshal in the victory of Allied armies during the Great War.—*British Wireless.*

Hongkong Memorial Service.

A memorial service for the late Earl Haig is to be held at 11 a.m. to-morrow in St. John's Cathedral. The Bishop of Victoria (the Right Rev. C. R. Duppuy, D.D.) will deliver an address, and several Service Chaplains as well as the Cathedral clergy will take part.

Seats will be allotted to members of the Services and it is hoped that a number of the general public will also attend.

Mr. A. Percy, Secretary of the local branch of the British Legion and Mr. R. J. Hunt, Secretary of Enigma, write us as follows:

May we crave the courtesy of your columns to inform Members of the British Legion and the Ex-Active Servicemen's Association and all other ex-Service men and women that seating accommodation has been allotted to them in the Cathedral for the Memorial Service to the late Earl, which will be held at 11 a.m. to-morrow (Friday)?

It is proposed that all who can attend will collect at the top of Battery Path at 10.45 a.m.

We should also like it to be known that the local branch of the British Legion and the Ex-Active Servicemen's Association propose to place wreaths in memory of the late Earl Haig on the Cenotaph at 9.30 a.m.

Funeral Arrangements.

London, Feb. 1. Earl Haig lies in state to-day and to-morrow in Saint Columba's Church, London, where he was a frequent worshipper. On Friday morning the cortege with Field Marshal, escorted by six battalions of infantry, will pass down the Mall, through the Horse Guards Parade and by the Cenotaph route, being thus arranged to meet the special desire of the War Office Staff.

From the Abbey the procession will re-form and proceed to Waterloo Station, where the body will be enshrined for Scotland, and will lie in state on Sunday and Monday in Saint Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh. Thereafter it will be taken to Barmerside, the deceased's ancestral home. This will be in accord with the desire expressed in his will. The suggestion that he should be buried in Saint Paul's Cathedral, where other great soldiers lie, was abandoned.

It is understood that immediately Parliament meets next Tuesday both Houses will record the depth of the loss felt by the Empire by Earl Haig's death.—*British Wireless.*

Mr. Clifford Snyder, formerly the ex-Kaiser's dentist, has died in Paris, where he had lived for many years. He was 63 years of age.

ATTACK ON SEGRAVE'S SPEED RECORD.

SPLENDID OFFER BY SIR CHARLES WAKEFIELD.

London, Feb. 1. It is announced that the International Association, which is recognised by the Automobile Clubs as the governing body for international motor sport, has accepted the offer by Sir Charles Wakefield of a magnificent gold trophy of the value of 1,000 guineas, to be won by the first driver to beat the existing world speed record of 203 miles per hour held by Major Segrave.

The successful driver will also be paid £1,000 yearly as long as his record remains unbroken up to the end of 1930. The trophy will remain the property of the International Association and will be held during the existence of the record by the official Automobile Club of the winner's country. The winner himself will receive an engraved replica.—*Reuter.*

Britisher's First Attempt.

London, Feb. 1. A prize has been offered of one thousand guineas to whoever beats the motor-car speed record of 203 miles per hour, at present held by the British motorist, Major Segrave.

An award will also be made of an income of £1,000 a year to the successful competitor as long as he is unbroken up to the end of the year 1930.

The prizes are open to drivers of all nations. The offer gives additional interest to the forthcoming attempts to break the record at Daytona Beach, Florida, for which Captain Malcolm Campbell with his car "Bluebird" left Southampton to-day.—*British Wireless.*

ALLEGED POLICE OBSTRUCTION.

DETECTIVE COMPELLED TO FIRE SHOTS.

Before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, two Chinese appeared on charges of obstructing two detectives during the execution of their duty at Sha Po, Kowloon City, on the night of January 16th.

According to the evidence given by the detectives, the first defendant was met in Lam Lo Mei village and searched. On him were found a number of pawn tickets. Enquiries were being made and on being taken to a hut, the police saw the second defendant lying fully clothed on a bed beside the owner of the hut. The latter on being awakened denied any knowledge of either of the two men.

Both were taken into custody. On reaching Sha Po, the second defendant struggled with one of the detectives who called to his colleague for assistance. The first defendant then put up a struggle with the result that both men managed to free themselves from the detectives.

They ran into the darkness and were challenged but refused to stop. Two shots were fired at the second defendant, who was then seen to hesitate. A detective went up to him and the defendant put up a further struggle but was fired at and shot in the legs. The first defendant was caught the following day.

The case was adjourned.

PIECEGOODS TRADE.

SWEEPING CHANGES NOT DESIRABLE.

London, Feb. 1. The sub-committee, representing all sections of the cotton industry, appointed by the Joint Committee of the Cotton Trade Organisations, has issued a report after twelve months' investigation.

The report states that the average selling prices of cotton yarn and piece goods in 1926 increased by 81 per cent. and 100 per cent. respectively, as compared with 1923.

Increased wages and taxation were mainly responsible for the increases.

The sub-committee recommends that three other sub-committees should be appointed to examine production and distribution, research and invention, and the relation between sales and production.

The report goes on to declare that sweeping changes are neither desirable nor possible. The Committee argues the production of cheaper lines.—*Reuter.*

At an inquest at Pontypool on the Rev. Christopher Cook, aged 103 years, rector of Mamhitad, a verdict of Death from shock due to a fall resulting in a fractured thigh was returned. Deceased was about to take his usual morning walk in his garden when the accident happened.

HELPING NEEDY EUROPEANS.

MR. SUTHERLAND'S APPEAL TO HONGKONG.

A DOLLAR A MONTH.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong Benevolent Society was held at the City Hall this morning, when Mr. R. Sutherland presented, He was supported by Mrs. Nisbet, President; Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. Shell-shear, Hon. Treasurer.

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman, addressing the meeting, said:—Mrs. Nisbet, Ladies and Gentlemen,—Before beginning the business of the meeting I should like to thank you for asking me to preside here to-day. The annual report and accounts for the year 1928 are already in your hands; the first mentioned reading as follows:—(Mr. Sutherland then read the report, extracts of which are given in another column.)

Turning to the accounts before you, it will be seen that the sum of \$646.95 was carried forward from last year, that about \$8,800 was disbursed in charitable assistance and after having placed the moderate sum of \$500 on Fixed Deposit, a balance of only \$179.80 remains to be carried forward to 1929.

A Misapprehension.

While the Society is deeply grateful to those who have made donations, especially to "Anonymous Britisher" for that of \$1,000, the finances of the Society cannot but call for serious consideration if all the calls on it are to be adequately met. The report sets forth in detail a few of the typical cases dealt with and it must be obvious to all that in the present difficult times in China, when residents of outlying ports, and places, must seek safety and relief in the Crown Colony, that requests for assistance from the Hongkong Benevolent Society cannot but increase. It is a somewhat surprising fact that there appears to be in some circles in Hongkong a curious misapprehension regarding the exact status of this charitable organization. It is often referred to as "The Ladies Benevolent Society," and is thought to represent a group of ladies who are good enough to combine together to help the poor and needy, and who are a Society amongst themselves and friends. This, of course, is quite wrong in conception, and I welcome this opportunity of making it quite clear to those who have not grasped the true position that the Hongkong Benevolent Society is the representative charitable Society of the Colony for all cases of distress other than amongst Chinese and Portuguese, the latter having the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to appeal to, and the former their own associations.

The ladies of Hongkong come into it in this way; that a few public-spirited workers, with their hearts and energy in the right place, year by year practically take upon their shoulders the burden of the European community in caring for those upon whom fortune has not smiled, and who through sickness, misadventure, lack of work, or other causes have been obliged to seek assistance; and this let me say, except for excellent reasons, is never withheld.

A Generous Community.

I think it may truly be said that the Hongkong community are generous. We have many charitable associations here, and each year, several what I may term "flag days" such as "Poppy Day," "Nelson Day," "M.C.L." and others. These efforts are conducted by efficient officials, ably supported by willing helpers and the results obtained correctly indicate the benevolent spirit of our public.

In the case of this Society, we have no "flag day" no pretty girls with smiles, coloured ribbons, armed with the inevitable box of capacious maw. In some cases the money so collected goes out of the Colony to aid most excellent causes dear to the hearts of all. Having put our money into the box, pinned on the appropriate emblem (in case we are asked to pay twice), we dismiss for the next twelve months the incident from our minds.

Now, the general status of the Hongkong Benevolent Society does not lend itself to such methods; its machinery is different; designed; it runs silently and slowly, but what is all important, it never stops. I hope, if these remarks catch the eye of our residents, they will appreciate what our ladies are doing on their behalf. I say their behalf, as it is surely the paramount duty of all to look after their fellow-men when in distress, especially in the Far East where there are so many temptations and pitfalls, not only (Continued on Page 8.)

'EMPRESS' WORLD TOUR.

TOURISTS ARRIVE HERE NEXT WEEK.

The first of the round-the-world liners to visit Hongkong this season will be the s.s. Empress of Australia, which is due here on the 10th instant. She will remain in port for four days, during which there will be the customary local sight-seeing programmes as well as optional trips to Canton.

Formerly on the run between Hongkong and Vancouver, the Empress of Australia has now been reconditioned especially for cruising work. She has been re-chained, and it will be remembered that last year she conveyed the Prince of Wales, Prince George, and Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin to Canada from Southampton. Her appointments are of the very best, and every possible comfort is given to the tourists.

The present tour lasts 113 days, during which a distance of 28,400 miles will be covered.

THE KUOMINTANG MEETING.

YESTERDAY'S DECISIONS.

Shanghai, Feb. 2.

Nineteen C.E.C. members and six from the Supervisory Committee were present at the preliminary meeting of the Kuomintang Conference held yesterday afternoon at Nanking, with Marshal Chiang Kai-shek as president. The following resolutions were passed at the meeting:—

1.—The 4th Plenary Meeting of the Kuomintang Conference to be formally opened at 10 a.m. on Feb. 2. All important questions and proposals to be thoroughly discussed on the following day.

2.—The Presidential Committee to comprise Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, Tang Yen-kai, and Yu Yuen.

3.—Marshal Chiang's proposal in connexion with the Kuomintang and Mr. Chan Quor-fu's schemes for reorganizing the Kuomintang to be put before the Investigation Committee of the Kuomintang.

A TALENTED PUPIL.



Little Miss Kathleen Whelan, a talented pupil of Miss Capell, as she will appear in the forthcoming displays on February 22nd, 27th, and 29th.

for further investigation.

4.—Mr. Li Chung-kung Secretary of the Central Executive Committee, to be the Chief Secretary of the Conference.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

STROKE OF LUCK.

ROBBERS SCARED BY KNOCK ON DOOR.

An attempted armed robbery was frustrated yesterday by a sheer stroke of luck, according to a report made to the police by Chu Wing-kyong, a Chinese woman residing at the second floor of No. 249, Portland Street, Mong-kok.

At about 10.30 a.m. yesterday when alone in the house, she heard a knock on the door. She enquired who the caller was and a voice replied that it was "Ah Ho," a fook of the steam launch, Man Ying, who had come for some medicine.

Being a dealer in medicine she opened the door and admitted the man, who followed her into the rear cubicle. When reaching to get the medicine from a shelf, the woman was attacked by the visitor, who seized her by the neck and forced her to the floor.

Two other men then entered the premises and together they bound the woman and stuffed a dirty rag into her mouth. They were about to ransack the house when a knock came on the door of the floor above, and the intruders, mistaking the direction of the knock hastily departed, leaving the woman bound and gagged, but taking nothing.

CANADA AND THE ORIENT.

WHY MINISTER TO JAPAN IS NECESSARY.

PREMIER EXPLAINS.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.

The Prime Minister, justifying the exchange of Ministers between Japan and Canada, remarked that the Dominion's trade with the Orient was steadily growing, and political responsibilities and other relationships were increasing. The Canadian Trade Commissioners did not possess the right or authority to approach foreign Governments or Ministers, and they had repeatedly appealed for a higher status to help in negotiations for larger trade.

The Premier pointed out the difficulties of Oriental problems and believed that Canada could be helpful therein. He strongly re-iterated the Conservative Convention's resolution in favour of Oriental exclusion, "which offended Japanese susceptibilities and unnecessarily complicated the problem of restricting Oriental settlement in Canada."

He added that he believed the admixture of races to be most undesirable, but restrictive measures could best be secured through friendly negotiation between the Governments concerned.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Reply to Criticisms.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.

The Prime Minister, replying to the Hon. Mr. R. B. Bennett's criticisms, cabled yesterday, justified the appointment of plenipotentiaries to France and Japan which were in accordance with the principles of the Imperial Conference, but added, "The last thing I should like to see would be a Minister of the Crown residing outside Canada and in a position to commit this Government to certain policies." The plenipotentiary at Tokyo would act in a measure for the whole Asiatic continent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[A cable of Jan. 31 stated: The Hon. Mr. R. B. Bennett in his first extended speech in the House of Commons as Opposition leader, to which President Cosgrave listened from the gallery, objected to an exchange of Ministers between Canada and foreign Powers. He said it involved implications fraught with great dangers. "What we want are trade commissioners not men to carry on diplomatic relations touching matters which cause wars. In other days we should look to the old flag and to the British Navy for the protection of our diplomatic relations."

Mr. Bennett particularly objected to the proposed appointment of a Minister to Tokyo.]

Fortune has favoured members of the British colony here, for Captain Randell, who is in the service of the Argentine Government, has won \$70,000 in a Christmas lottery. He would have won more had he not divided his ticket with friends, three of whom, including an assistant at the English Bar in Buenos Aires have won \$10,000 each.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. At what famous picture gallery have the authorities decided to discover the history of each picture, and what method are they employing?
2. What are the Princes of Wales racing colours for 1928?
3. What do the letters I.L.P. stand for? Who founded this organization, and what important member has just resigned?
4. State the qualifications necessary to claim a pension under the new Old Age Pensions Act.
5. Where are the following bones in the body? (a) Clavicle, (b) humerus, (c) femur?
6. From what country does most of the world's platinum come?
7. Why is a motor-car harder to start in cold than in hot weather?
8. "Who knows whether the future of my race may not lie in this child?" To whom is this remark attributed, and who was the child?
9. What was the miracle? Who killed it?
10. Explain the difference between a symphony and a concerto.
11. Of what city's inhabitants are we told in the Bible that they spent their time "either to tell or to hear some new thing"?
12. What was the rococo style of architecture, and when did it flourish?

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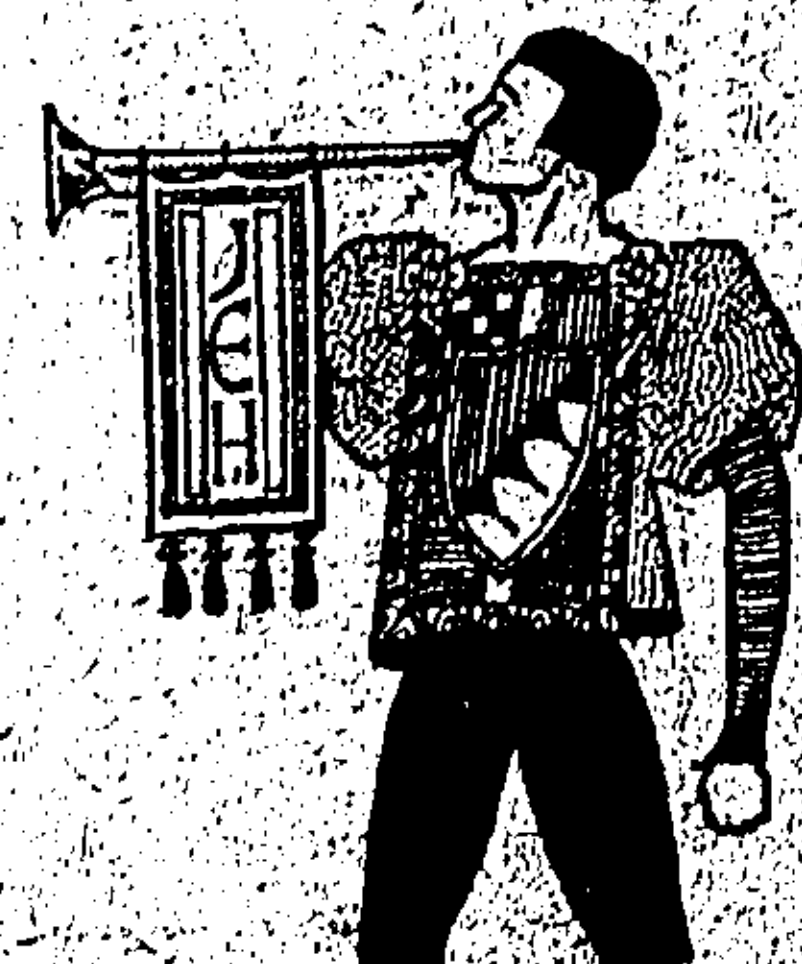
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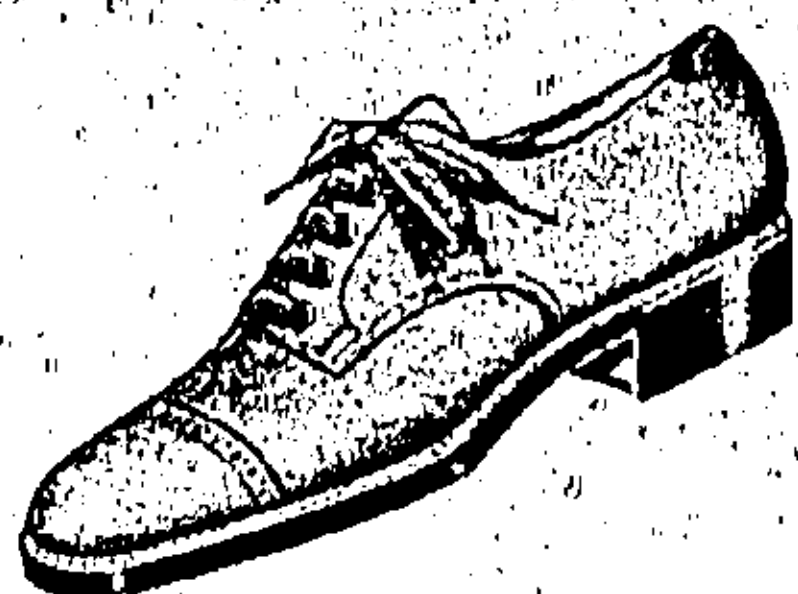
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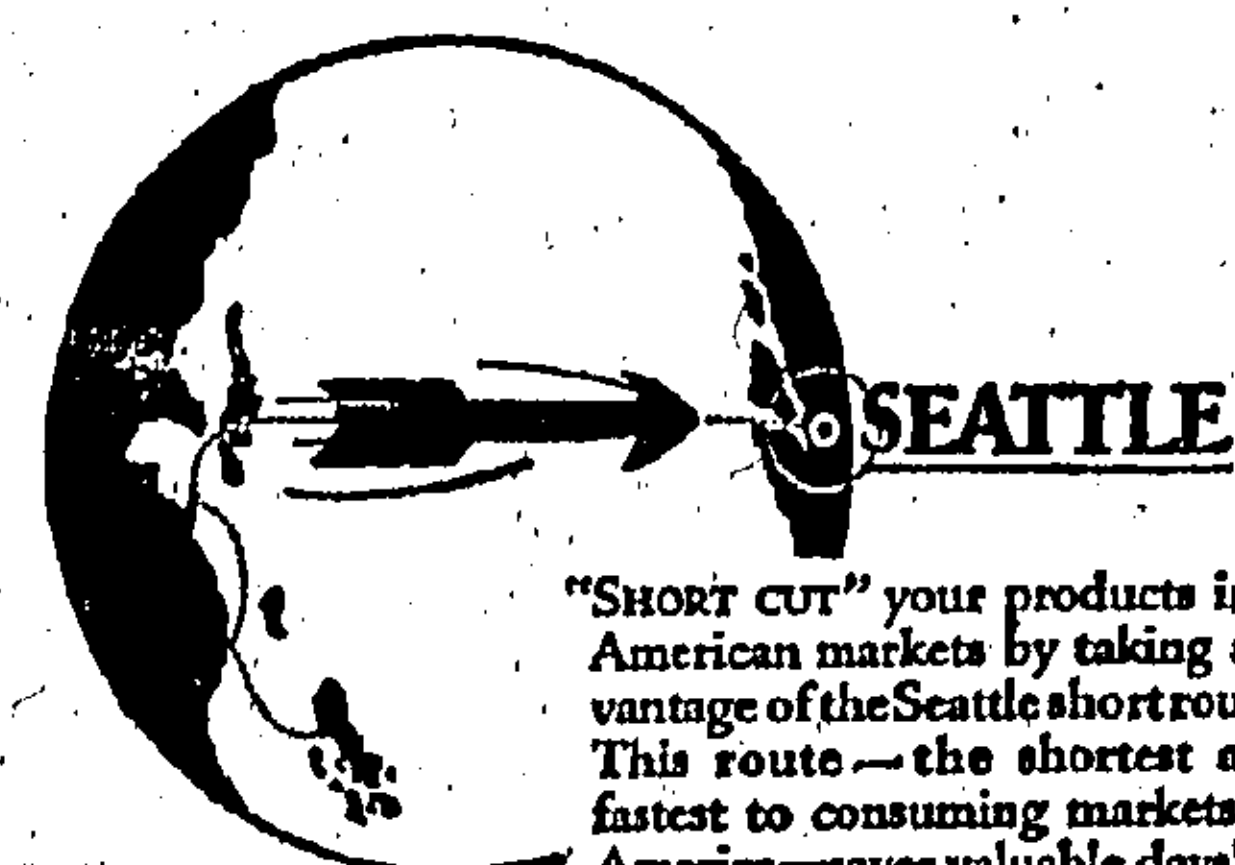
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The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on Feb-
ruary 4th:—

SCOTTISH CUP.
SECOND ROUND TIES.

Stenhouse-	v	Alloa.
muir	v	Hamilton.
Airdrie	v	Falkirk.
Ayr Un.	v	Kilmarnock.
Forfar	v	Dundee.
Dundee Un.	v	Dundee.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.
DIVISION I.

Huddersfield	v	Everton.
Wednesday	v	Sheffield U.
Burnley	v	Sunderland.

DIVISION II.

Fulham	v	Wolves.
West Brom.	v	Chelsea.

DIVISION III. (SOUTH).

Norwich	v	Northants.
Torquay	v	Southend.

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TEST CRICKET.

SOUTH AFRICA'S COMFORT- ABLE VICTORY.

Johannesburg, Feb. 1.
The fourth Test match was won by South Africa, by four wickets, their second innings score being 166 for six wickets.—*Reuter.*

England's scores were 265 and 215, whilst South Africa's first innings yielded 328.
The first two Test matches were won by England, and the third was drawn.

DEMPSEY RETIRES.

TEX RICKARD'S ANNOUNCE- MENT.

New York, Feb. 1.
Mr. Tex Rickard has announced that Jack Dempsey, the heavyweight champion of the world, has permanently retired from the ring.—*Reuter's American Service.*

For the first time in 160 years the General Living-in Hospital, Lambeth, is appealing for funds to rebuild the nurses' home and out-patients' department.

F. A. CUP REPLAYS.

BURY AND DERBY COUNTY ELIMINATED.

London, Feb. 1.

At Manchester to-day, in the re-played fourth round tie, Manchester United defeated Bury by one goal to nil, and qualified to meet Birmingham in the next round. Manchester United and Manchester City are both at home.

At Nottingham, the Forest defeated Derby County by two goals to nil. After ninety minutes' play, no goals had been scored, but the Forest got through twice during extra time. Notts Forest are at home to Cardiff City, the holders, in the next round.

League Match.

Playing at Wigan in the Northern Section of the Third Division to-day, Bradford defeated Wigan by 3 goals to one.—*Reuter.*

GARRISON FOOTBALL.

HOW THE LEAGUE TEAMS STAND.

The Hongkong Garrison Foot-
ball League table, compiled to Feb.
1st, is as follows:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
C. Co. 2nd	8	7	0	1	30	4	15
HQ. 2 2nd	10	6	2	2	22	10	14
D Coy. 2nd	10	5	2	3	32	18	13
K.O.S.B.	7	4	1	2	9	7	10
A Coy. 2nd	7	4	1	2	25	10	10
12th H Bty	7	4	1	2	25	10	10
R.A.	7	4	1	2	15	10	9
K.O.S.B.	8	4	3	1	19	13	9
HQ. 1 2nd	11	4	7	0	22	35	8
R.A.M.C.	7	3	3	1	14	9	7
31st H Bty	10	1	8	1	9	38	3
R.E. & R.	7	1	6	0	4	23	2
20th H. Bty.	8	0	8	0	2	32	0
R.A.							

SEVENOAKS TRAIN DISASTER.

(Continued from Page 1.)

came wedged beneath the bridge. The front of the Pullman car which followed was thrown across towards the central buttress of the bridge. The coach already jammed within, prevented it from entering, and so, with a crashing of glass and twisting of metal, it slid still further to the right, and was finally lying right across both sets of the bridge.

A Mass of Wreckage.

The coach jammed beneath the bridge was reduced to a mass of wreckage, and the one in front of it suffered nearly as severely. In the third coach, lying crushed and twisted under the bridge, the havoc wrought among the passengers was terrible. A number were killed outright. Some of the injured were wedged among the wreckage, and were released only with difficulty. One of the dead bodies, that of a woman, was not recovered until next morning.

About 150 yards of metals needed relaying in consequence of the accident. They had been torn up as the derailed train made its final zig-zag dash. The wreckage was cleared within two days, but a speed limit of from 10 to 15 miles an hour over the newly-laid lines was imposed.

The names of the dead were:—Miss Helen Winifred Hutton, Dover; Mr. Francis William Cheseman, Folkestone; Miss Dorothy Eldridge, Finchley; Police Constable Frank Calster Halsey, "C" Division Metropolitan Police; Mrs. Bridget Teresa Halsey, his wife; Mr. Edward Gordon Forbes Higginson, Folkestone; Mrs. Nita Hannah Norton, Hampstead; Mr. Arthur Thomas Salisbury-Jones, stockbroker; Mr. Norman Stewart Self, Southgate; Miss Alice Marion Arnold, Roger Young, Ottinge, Kent; Miss Jessie Christina Hatch, Folkestone; and Master Leslie Parfit, aged 7, Sutton-by-Dover.

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LANDLORD AND TENANT BILL.

PEERS ASSENT TO TWO COMPROMISES.

The persistent criticism of the Landlord and Tenant Bill by a large group of Conservatives in the House of Lords was rewarded by two important compromises when the measure arrived at the third reading stage of its much-harassed progress recently.

The previous week, spurred on by Lord Carson's denunciation of the Government for "ripping up old agreements," the Peers turned out of the Bill the clause which declares that any contract with the landlord by which a tenant has agreed to forgo compensation shall be void—unless it happens to be adjudged reasonable by the tribunal that is one of the chief creations of this new legislation.

As was expected, the Lord Chancellor sought this evening partly to restore a provision without which the Bill—to quote his own words—"would be useless." But the air of the understudy clause which the Government led on was much more modest and comely in Conservative eyes than that of the arbitrary one thus replaced.

It is now ruled, explained Viscount Cave, that compensation contracts made before last March 30, the date of the introduction of the Landlord and Tenant Bill, shall be exempt from upset, and that the Act shall hold sway only over such agreements reached on the near side of the dividing date.

Lord Carson was absent, but Earl of Halsbury, who was one of his lieutenants in the hot engagement over compensation arrange-
ments, expressed gratitude for the alteration. It is, indeed, most material, when one compares the number of leasehold contracts effected since last March with the thousands in existence before that month.

Rent Restrictions.

The other concession decides that the tribunal shall not entertain applications for compensation for improvements or goodwill if the tenant is holding his premises by virtue of the Rent Restrictions Acts.

"Certainly," admitted the Lord Chancellor, "there is hardship on a landlord if the tenant remains in possession against his will, and stays on statutorily piling up a goodwill contrary to the landlord's desire."

This reform pleased Lord Dynevor so much that he offered his "great gratitude." It is well that the Peers have thus amicably settled these matters among themselves. If the Bill had gone to the Commons without the milder substitution, the Lower House would almost assuredly have reinstituted the original disliked clause concerning compensation contracts.

The measure would then have been bandied about between the two Houses. As it is, the Socialist among the Commons are bound to be full of wordy indignation over the modifications.

During this final discussion in the Lords the case for and against the measure was once again briefly presented. As Lord Dynevor views it, a severe shortage of business premises will follow, mortgages will be called in, and endless litigation will ensue.

As the Lord Chancellor sees it, the Bill strengthens the leasehold system by remedying its grievances, lessings will be granted "much as hitherto," and all landlords will now be obliged to be modelled on the voluntary good landlord.

If Lord Oxford ever put in an appearance in the House of Lords this would have been one of the occasions for him to have uttered that profound phrase "Wait and see."

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HELPING NEEDY EUROPEANS.

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for the unwary, but even those of cautious nature. This fine work is most faithfully undertaken by you ladies inconspicuously, in a quiet, methodical and determined manner.

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Members Wanted.

Now the main point is how can the Colony help the Society? The answer is by becoming members. It will surprise many to know that notwithstanding the large number of residents of what for want of a better term, I will refer to as the Upper and Middle Classes, there are only about 70 members on our lists to-day. This is surely quite wrong. I would appeal to all to come forward and enrol. The subscription for ladies and gentlemen is but \$12 per annum, that is \$1 per month. At Home, we would be paying Poor Rates; here we merely ask for voluntary contributions. When you think of \$1 per month, it is not much, a mere fraction of what we may win or lose at bridge; yet so much as the cost of a golf ball irretrievably sliced into the rough; still that amount is sufficient to form the nucleus of a fund which will do untold good and which will bring happiness and comfort where same would not otherwise exist.

Donations are most welcome, but a steady income is even more desirable. Mrs. C. C. Alabaster, of No. 614 The Peak, our hard-working Secretary, or Mrs. Shellshear, c/o The Hongkong University, our energetic Treasurer, will be only too glad to acknowledge applications for membership.

Where a great deal of assistance can be rendered by the public is in the way of assisting the Committee in the matter of obtaining employment for those (both men and women) out of work. It is a heartbreaking business for the Committee to probe every possible source in this connection. There are but few large industrial concerns here which can absorb even temporarily those who are anxious to earn their own living.

Appeal to Employers.

I quite see the difficulty of the employer who had a staff organised to exactly suit his requirements, and again there is reluctance to take on anyone who has not proved a success elsewhere, or who may have come down in the world through their own fault, or should I perhaps say, their own weakness. Let us remember, however, that one must not always be judged by the first failure; it often serves as a severe lesson and I can speak with personal knowledge of several cases in Hongkong when men have been "down and out" and have subsequently worked their way up in the world and are now good and respected citizens. So I most earnestly ask employers, when appealed to, to do their utmost and stretch a point to make an opening even if only for a short time, and by so doing live up to the very human motto, "Give him another chance."

Deserved Tributes.

Before moving the adoption of the report and accounts I desire on behalf of members to place on record the excellent work performed by the President, Mrs. Nisbet, the Committee, and other executive officials of the Society. The report gives in detail the personnel of the Committee and the positions held by various members throughout the year. It will be noted that Mrs. Alabaster has filled the post of President, and for some time past has been carrying out the arduous duties of Hon. Secretary. Those of us who have had experience in Committee work know only too well what that means. As such, you are the chief executive you are expected to know everything, do everything, and to keep bright and smiling. These qualifications she has more than fully complied with, and I feel that we are all deeply indebted to Mrs. Alabaster for her most valuable work during a year of exceptional difficulties. We must not forget, however, that Mrs. J. H. Hunt for some months early in the year most ably undertook the Secretarial duties and is also due our hearty thanks for all her hard work.

Mrs. Goldsmith, our late Treasurer, has temporarily left the Colony and during her term of office did not spare herself in furthering the interests of the Society and I should like to put on record our keen appreciation of her untiring assistance. Our thanks are also due to Mr. Hampden Ross for kindly auditing the accounts.

Concluding, Mr. Sutherland said he had been asked to specially mention the kindness always shown to Committee members by the Press, when assistance was asked for. Their help was very valuable and was much appreciated.

Mr. Sutherland then proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

This was seconded by Mrs. Featherstone and was carried unanimously.

Appeal Endorsed.

Sir Henry Pollock said he would like to say that he was present in the Colony in 1889 when the Society was first started. Ever since then, if he had gone on from strength to strength, and the report for last year was the best he had ever listened to. Under those circumstances, he had no hesitation whatever in appealing to members of the community to come forward and join as subscribers. As the Chairman had pointed out, the annual subscription was only \$12 a year. He thought everyone in the Colony ought to come forward and join the Society which was doing such excellent work for the general benefit of the community.

Mrs. Nisbet expressed thanks to Mr. Sutherland for presiding and for the interest he took in their work.

It was announced that the following ladies would again serve on the Committee:—Mesdames Nisbet, Alabaster, Cock, Hunt, Featherstone, Southern, Wall, Innes, Woodhouse, Murray, Shellshear, Tracy, and Miss Drury.

The Annual Report.

The following are extracts from the annual report:

Owing to the trade depression in the Colony during the past year the Society has had an abnormal number of calls upon its resources. 60 applications have been made for relief; embracing in all 128 men, women and children. After due investigation, 67 applicants were granted relief; being 49 new cases, the remainder being found unworthy or were dealt with by kindred Societies. The total number of persons who have actually received benefit from the Society is 128; this is exclusive of the number of children put to school by the Society. In nearly every case clothing has been provided by the Society.

Thirty cases have been assisted financially with sums ranging from 20 cents to \$20. Sixteen have been found employment and advertisements have been inserted in the local newspapers for those unemployed who are unable to afford to advertise for themselves. Two passages were secured to England. Landing money has been given in several other cases.

During the past year, at a cost of approximately \$2,989, 18 children have been supported at different schools. The Society is greatly indebted to Directors of the following schools, who have made this possible by accepting reduced fees:—Diocesan Boys' School, Italian Convent, Diocesan Girls' School, and St. Joseph's College.

Among the various nationalities assisted have been British (including Australian and South African), American, Dutch, Eurasian, Russian, Filipino, Spanish, Greek, Latvian, Indian, Norwegian and Swedish.

The thanks of the Committee are accorded to the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, Mr. R. Sutherland, M.B.E., Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Consul General for the Netherlands, Dr. de Castro Basto and Capt. Baylis, Hon. Sec. G.C.O. Also in very special measure to the Trustees of the City Hall for the use over a long period of years of a room in that building.

The Committee appreciates the ready co-operation of the following Societies in relieving cases of distress from time to time:—General Charities Organisation, St. Andrew's Society, British Legion, St. George's Society, St. Vincent de Paul, V. M. C. A., Mission to Seamen. The Society is grateful to the Colonial Government for its annual grant-in-aid and for the grant of a passage to Shanghai. Also to the Government of China, the Matilda, the Italian Hospitals and to many other bodies and individuals and for their kind assistance.

The Committee would like to warn residents of the Colony against giving money to seemingly distressed cases without first making enquiries of the Hon. Secretary or a Member of the Committee, as this frequently leads to fraud and overlapping.

The work of the Society has benefited considerably, and will benefit more in the future, by the help of the newly formed General Charities Organization, of which the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., is Chairman, Mr. Gubbay, Hon. Treasurer, and Capt. Baylis, Hon. Secretary, and towards the maintenance of which the H. K. B. S. subscribes \$100 a year.

During the year the Committee has kept in close touch with the Society, St. Vincent de Paul and with the Jewish Benevolent Society. By this means, and with the help of the Police, and the G.C.O. overlapping, has become almost impossible.

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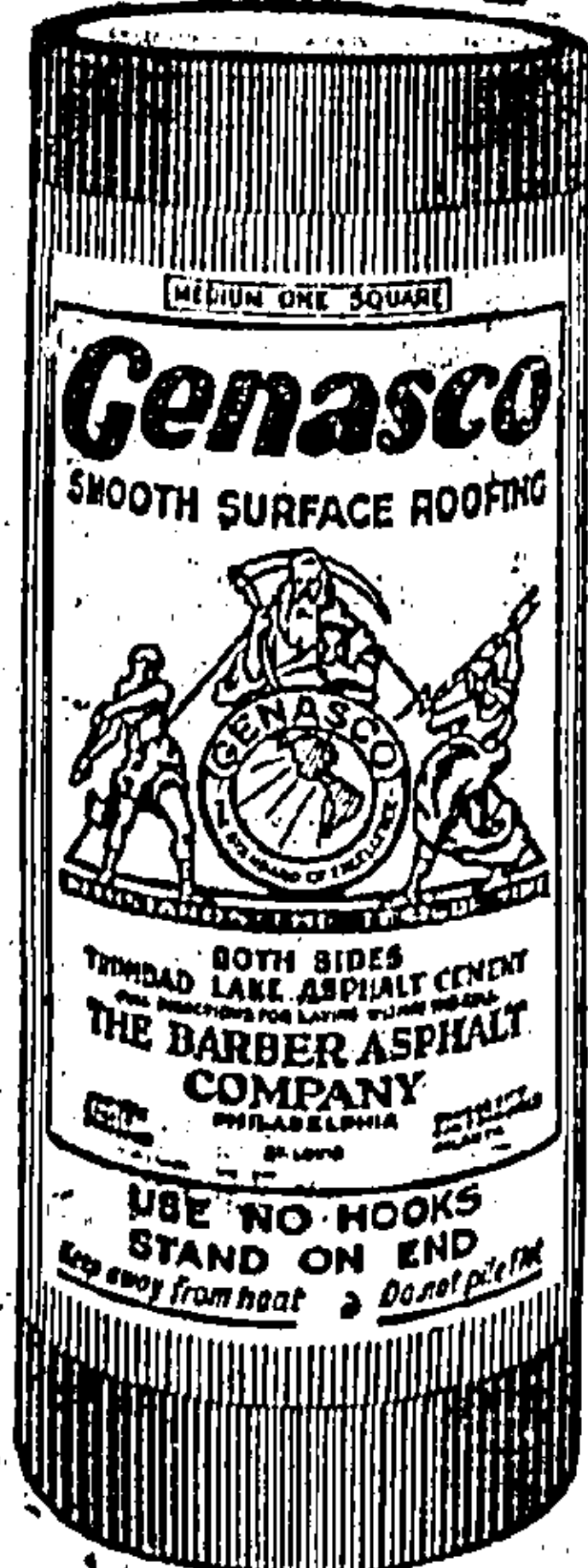
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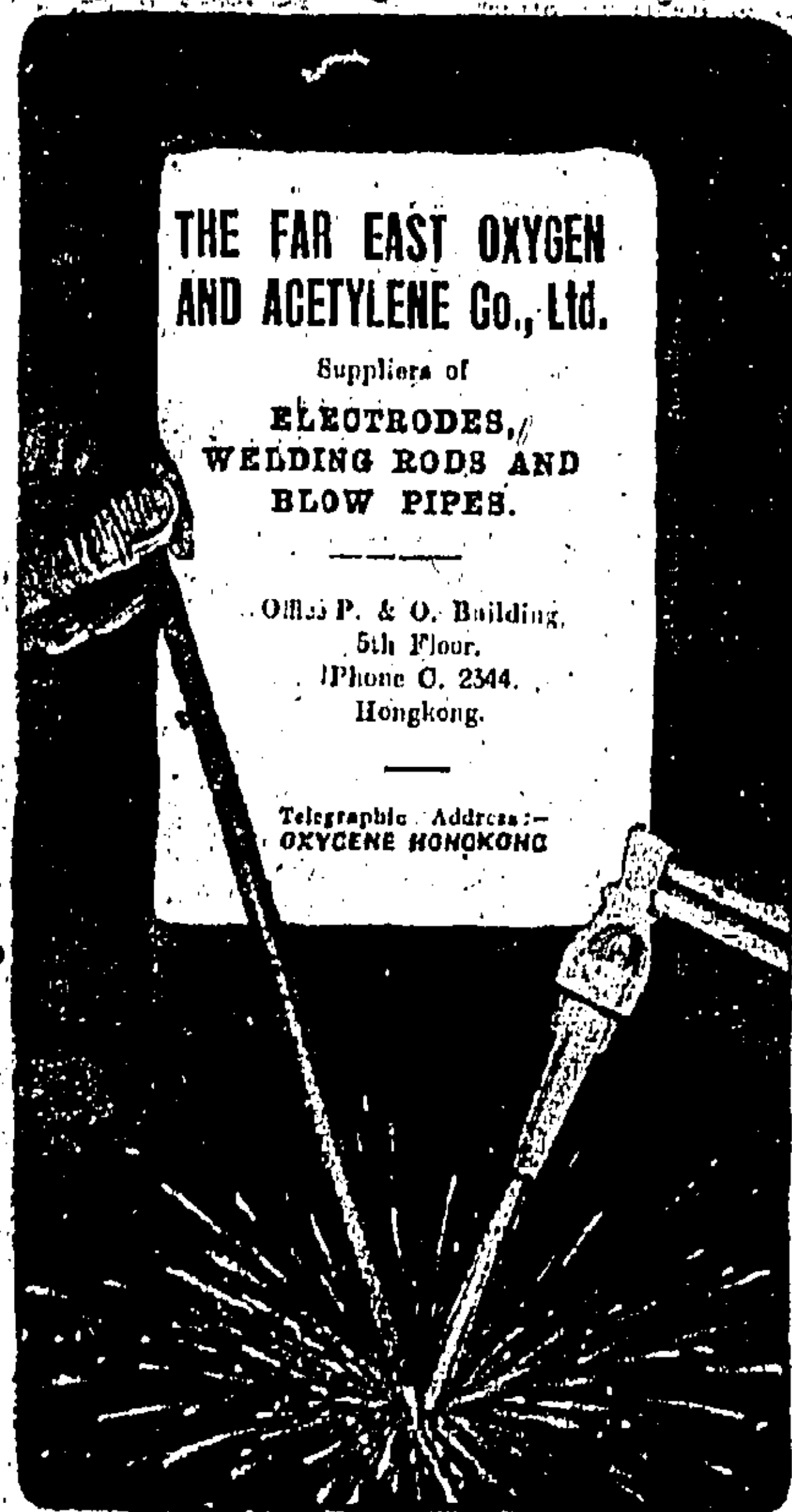
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OUR BERLIN LETTER.

[By Gunther Gericks.]

Berlin, Dec. 29.

Berlin recently had a "big evening." The State Theatre, produced the Merchant of Venice, two of our best performers taking part. Fritz Kortner gave us a Shylock which can only be characterized as one of the finest performances which this actor has achieved in a most successful stage career; while Elisabeth Bergner, as Portia, was a whimsical, dreamy creature of incomparable charm, and a boyish, but nevertheless impressive, doctor of law. The whole effect was greatly enhanced by a stage management and by scenery which brought out admirably the niceties of this famous, tragic-comedy.

Both in Berlin and in New York, people have celebrated with great enthusiasm the 150th anniversary of the landing in America of General von Steuben, the man who, having been trained in the school of Frederick the Great, was called upon to create and train an American army. The presence, at the Berlin celebrations, of leading Americans and of representatives of German public life—the German Foreign Minister at their head—as well as the speeches that were made supply happy evidence of the friendly relations existing between the two peoples. At all times and in many countries there have been great German military organizers; but this fact in itself does not exhaust the historical significance of Frederick Wilhelm von Steuben, on the contrary, we see in his mission, above all, a proof of Frederick the Great's sympathy with the American struggle for independence and his clear perception of the dawn of a new era.

As on previous occasions, so again this year, the Christmas holidays are being ushered in by a flood of society events. Reception in the Reichs-Presidential Palace, gatherings of the diplomatic corps and aristocratic balls have followed each other in rapid succession. The "Ball of the Nations" was quite international; inaugurated by the "Germans' Abroad Societies" it attracted, not merely almost all the foreign diplomats active in Berlin, but also a considerable percentage of the foreigners of all races and climes at present living amongst us. A very Babel of languages was to be heard; for the flags and pennons of the different German shipping companies, with which the rooms were decorated, floated over an elegant and joyous crowd of dancers representatives of such widely separated lands as Scandinavia and the South Sea Islands, the plains of Asia and the prairies of the West.

Another event bearing an international impress was the "Christmas Interiors in Different Lands" instituted by ladies of society, which took place in Gerson's well-known furnishing stores. Tea was served in rooms appointed in such a way as to illustrate in perfectly genuine style the keeping of Christmas among various peoples and in various epochs. These afternoons, with their recitals and concerts in the manner of the different countries, were a great success; on one day or another the whole of Berlin found its way to the spot, and the funds thus collected for charitable purposes aggregated no mean sum. Altogether, it may truly be said that Berlin is once again under the spell of dear old Father Christmas whose ban no one can resist. Young and old, rich and poor are happier for his presence. At every turn, the eyes are arrested by some reminder of yuletide. And what would Christmas be without the glorious show windows, without the well-filled shops themselves, without the Christmas market and the Christmas trees that deck the squares and streets? The god of the weather was propitious this year. Intense cold prevailed. It is true; but the sky was clear, and the air was crisp and fresh and invigorating; and, especially on the last two Sundays in Advent—the so-called "silver" and "golden" Sundays—this fine weather lured people out for a walk through the business thoroughfares and down the alleys of the lit-up Christmas booths, in which the vendors, with stentorian voices, shouted the praises of their wares in the most amusing terms imaginable.

Thus, in the public thoroughfares and the shops, in the concert halls and in the theatres—many of which staged Christmas pantomimes or similar productions—wherever one went, reminders set the eye and ear at every turn that this is the season above all others in which our thoughts revert to peace on earth, good will toward men.

DIAMONDS FROM RUSSIA.

MR. EDGAR LANSBURY ON HIS BANKRUPTCY.

"DAILY HERALD" CASE.

The story of the diamonds brought from Russia by Mr. Francis Meynell for the benefit of the Daily Herald and declined by that journal was referred to by Mr. Edgar Lansbury in the London Bankruptcy Court recently.

Mr. Registrar Frankel held a sitting for the public examination of Edgar Isaac Lansbury and William Arthur Lansbury, who, with Louis Coleman, traded as timber merchants, in the style of the Anglo-Russian Three Ply and Veneer Company at Old Ford, London, Coleman was unable to be present owing to illness.

The statement of affairs filed in the proceedings showed liabilities of £22,278, of which £26,184 was unsecured, and assets of £11,589.

Mr. Edgar Lansbury said that the drawings had exceeded the profits for many years, and he agreed that he could not justify what he had drawn except that he had been extravagant.

The Official Receiver—Unjustifiably extravagant?—Yes.

His wife, said Mr. Lansbury, was an actress, and earned £40 a week or £2,000 a year, but he denied that he had the benefit of that money in his household as his wife had a position to keep up.

The Registrar—You had the advantage of that position.

"Always Insolvent."

You have been in financial difficulties for years?—We were always insolvent because we had no capital.

Questioned as to two sums of £510 and £875 transferred to his capital account and drawing account respectively, Mr. Edgar Lansbury said that the latter was an account which dated back to 1919. In that year he borrowed from his first wife money for the use of the firm which she obtained from other persons. It was money connected with a transaction into which he entered with a Mr. Francis Meynell, a transaction by which he held a large sum of money for that gentleman.

Can you tell the Court from what source the money came?

At this point the money came?

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The flying suits of the airmen who will pilot their craft at such enormous heights will cover them entirely, from head to foot. They will peer through outlook windows in specially designed helmets.

No, because I do not know authoritatively.

Where do you think it came from?—I do not know.

The Registrar—Where did it come from?

From Mr. Francis Meynell.

Told by Mr. Lloyd George.

The Official Receiver—How do you know it was his money if you do not know the source from which it came?—Because the whole story of this money was told by Mr. Lloyd George at one time, and it was public property.

What was the story of the money?—The story is that Francis Meynell brought some diamonds from the Continent to change into money, and he wanted the money to go to the Daily Herald, but the Daily Herald would not take it.

The Registrar—Stolen Russian jewellery?

The Official Receiver—What part of the money did you hold?—At one time £10,000.

And these credits represented part of it?—Yes.

The examination of the two Lansburys was concluded, and that of Coleman was adjourned.

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PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS:

OTTO RIGG, an immensely rich man, leader and master force of a band of five wealthy men known as "The Old Consolidateds," the other members being Hugo Shanly, Henry Maker, James Redden, and SEWARD GAMLIN, whose sudden death—whether by suicide or murder—has strangely agitated the other four, all of whom appear in terror of

MARTIN STANNARD, the abiding director of Consolidated Exploitations, a rumour of whose return to the village of Greenhayle, where they live, has reached the ears of his former fellow-directors.

JOYCE ALLEYN, a poor relation and private secretary to Otto Rigg, whom she distrusts and stands in fear of.

CHAPTER II.

Kyte, Seward Gamlin's butler, would have been hysterical, but Otto Rigg's cold eyes quelled him. He told bluntly how he had come into the study that morning and found his master prone on the rug before the fire, and dead. He had, apparently, fallen dead as he stood drinking his night-cap of whisky and soda. There was the glass on the mat still unbroken. The body had been taken to Gamlin's bedroom, where the doctor was even now looking at it—nothing else had been touched. The butler could not help finishing off with his opinions as to the unnaturalness of it all. Mr. Gamlin had been in such good health.

"We all think that, Kyte," snapped Otto Rigg in his cold voice. "But the doctor may have a different story. Gamlin was alone here during the evening—no visitors?"

"None, sir, after Miss Alleyn left," said the butler, and Joyce gasped. What about the stranger? Hadn't he called after all? She was about to mention her encounter when Hugo Shanly suddenly darted to the fireplace and snatched up a bit of paper.

"Otto! Otto!" he cried, excitedly. "Look—part of a will, I think. Grant Heaven's part of a will!" He thrust a fragment of charred paper into Rigg's hand. Otto Rigg examined it so dispassionately that Hugo burst out. "Can't you see? His will! He burnt, destroyed, his will!"

"Obviously," said Otto Rigg, coldly. His little boring eyes came round to the butler.

"Know anything about this, Kyte?"

"Nothing at all, Sir. 'Pon my honour."

Suddenly the butler's hand flew to his mouth, he turned a frightened glance to Otto Rigg—curious how many were frightened of that cold, emotionless man.

"Oh, I forgot, sir," he said. "There's a note on his desk addressed to you." He darted to the desk, brought back an envelope, which Otto Rigg quietly opened.

He read the note inside—and, for the first time in his life, Joyce saw emotion on his face. It was no more than a sudden stiffening of his mouth, a sudden deepening of his habitual pallor, but it was unmistakable. Otto Rigg the invulnerable was reacting under some sort of shock.

For a full minute he studied the paper, then he handed it to Hugo Shanly. Hugo Shanly read it and—yelped.

"There is no other word," he let out a little animal yelp of fear, started back from the paper as though it had bit him; and let it drop out of his nerveless hands. As it lay on the floor at his feet, Joyce read in Gamlin's heavy handwriting the following words:

"Martin Stannard is back. He has been here."

A silence almost too painful to bear followed. Otto Rigg, his composure returned, stared level at Hugo. Hugo had backed to the club fender, his white face twitching, his pale eyes ablaze with panic, his teeth bared—the cornered weasel to the life. He made one or two ineffectual efforts to speak—the cold voice of Otto Rigg spoke instead.

"Hold your tongue, Hugo, and stop being a fool," he said, evenly. Then his little eyes, suddenly sparkling and cruel, turned on the butler. "Will you swear that Mr. Gamlin had no callers last night—apart from my secretary?"

"Why, yes, sir—I will swear it," the butler, shrinking back.

"Let nobody in. There was nobody with Mr. Gamlin when I brought in the whisky tantalus and siphon, as I always do before going to bed, and nobody could have called you see, for I'd locked up everywhere—even the french windows opening on to the bowling lawn there."

BURGLARS SURPRISED.

DISTURBED BY MAID WHEN LOCKED IN BED-ROOM.

Ascot, Dec. 28.

During a burglary at Windlesham Court, near Sunningdale Golf Links, the house of Hermione Lady Ellenborough, on Friday evening, the intruders left behind a bundle of envelopes containing Christmas gifts of treasury notes. The burglars forced the doorway of the bed-room with a jemmy, which they left behind. They were, however, disturbed, and escaped with only some brooches, a diamond heart pendant, and some cash, the total value being about £140.

The room had been entered by means of a ladder carried from another garden.

"It was entirely owing to the presence of mind of one of my maids," said Lady Ellenborough, "that the haul was not much greater. The burglars had taken the precaution to lock the door, and this proved their undoing. The maid went to my bed-room whilst we were at dinner on Friday evening, and finding she could not get in, she ran downstairs and gave the alarm."

This is the fourth burglary in the Sunningdale district within the past few months.

CROYDON'S AIR STATION. The staffs of the British and foreign air liners at Croydon aerodrome will begin early next week moving into the new £260,000 air station, which has been built on the eastern side of the Aerodrome.

Imperial Airways are already housing their Handley-Page, Rolls-Royce, and Silver Wing air liners in the large new sheds, which can accommodate 35 of the biggest types of air liners.

The new control tower and the terminal block of offices and customs examination rooms, with the domed passenger entrance, are now practically complete, and will be in full use next month.

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AFTERMATH OF WAR.

CLAIMS BY AND AGAINST EX-ENEMIES.

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The report, which reviews the work for the year ending October 1 last, shows that the total sum paid by the Clearing Office to British claimants against Germany, Austria, Hungary, and Bulgaria amounted to £31,605,821, of which £24,473,971 was in respect of claims against German nationals and the German Government.

The stupendous task which confronted the organisation, and the corresponding organisations in the ex-enemy States may be judged from the fact that in all 424,767 claims—(British and ex-enemy) for a total amount of £244,669,539 had been submitted. Of these claims 279,645 had been admitted, 138,973 withdrawn or rejected, and there remain outstanding 6,139 claims for £8,855,096.

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giving an opinion. There is something queer—very queer—looking at the mat, examining as though he expected to find something on it.

"Perhaps you are looking for this, doctor?" said Otto Rigg, coldly. "I found it just now under the fender." He took from his pocket and handed to the doctor the thing he had picked up. It was a small phial.

"Ah," breathed the doctor, taking it. "That is what I wanted. As I thought—cyanide."

Hugo Shanly clutched at Otto Rigg's arm with a frantic hand. "Murder, Otto," he cried, "I told you so. Didn't I tell you so?"

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In order to gain first-hand knowledge of the miners' life Mr. W. Fearnley Whittingstall, a London candidate barrister, and prospective Conservative candidate for the mining constituency of Seaham (Co. Durham), intends to spend a week as a "kitchen lodger" in a miner's cottage.

The Clyde-built bucket dredger Lady Combe, of 500 tons, which left Renfrew on December 9 for Lagos (West Africa), is thought to be lost with all hands—18, in number. The vessel, which had only three weeks' supply of coal on board, was not reported at Dakar for coaling.

INDIAN FINANCE.

DRAMATIC SCENE IN
LEGISLATURE.

New Delhi, Feb. 1.

The new session of the Indian Legislature opened dramatically, Mr. V. J. Patel, the President of the Assembly refusing to call on Sir Basil Blackett to introduce the new Reserve Bank Bill, on the ground that it violated the propriety of the House and was an abuse of privilege while the last session's Bill was not withdrawn.

—*Reuter.*
[In connexion with this Bill a message dated the 13th ult. said: The revised Gold Standard and Reserve Bank Bill is now published in the Gazette in order to ensure ample opportunity to study its proposals with a view to their being enacted during the forthcoming session of the Legislature. Sir Basil Blackett has issued a statement saying that the Government is convinced share capital must be the basis for the constitution of a Reserve Bank in India, but in order to ensure the interests of India as a whole it had been decided not to give the Imperial Bank of India the option of subscribing thirty per cent of the shares.

On the contrary they have based the distribution of shares on a broad basis by giving the preference in the allotment to those applying for one share (one hundred rupees), while nobody will be allowed to hold shares worth over 20,000 rupees.

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N. BORNEO TARIFFS.

IMPORT DUTY ON AERATED
WATER URGED.

The last meeting of the North Borneo Chamber of Commerce Committee had under consideration the increased import duties recently imposed. In view of the very heavy increases in the duties on certain articles, some apprehension was felt as to the possibility of further increases in the future and it was decided to communicate with Government on the subject. A point was raised in regard to the duty imposed upon unmanufactured metals leaving manufactured metals free of duty thus tending to the discouragement of local manufacturers.

A question was also raised as to why aerated waters should be imported free of duty when there was already a satisfactory supply of aerated waters produced by a number of local manufacturers. It was also pointed out that there was an inconsistency in the imposition of duty on galvanised nails and washers used for the fixing of galvanised roofing materials which itself was allowed in free of duty.

A question was also raised as to the reason for the import duty on galvanised wire and plain wire

TOBACCO TAXES.

NANKING GOVERNMENT'S
REGULATIONS.

Nanking, Jan. 27.

Following is a translation of the revised regulations governing the collection of tobacco taxes, promulgated by the Nationalist Government upon the petition of the Ministry of Finance:

1.—All cigarettes and other tobacco products, with the exception of native tobacco leaves, shall be liable to taxation as determined by these regulations.

2.—The tobacco tax shall be classified as central government revenue and shall be made collectable by the National Tobacco Tax Bureau to be established at a convenient locality by the Ministry of Finance. All necessary provincial branch offices shall be planned and established by the National Tobacco Tax Bureau, with the approval of the Ministry. All matters relating to examination and prevention of smuggling shall be attended to by the National Bureau.

3.—A tax of 20 per cent of the assessed value, by the Customs, shall be payable on all imported cigarettes and other tobacco products, in addition to the regular import duty and the 2½ per cent. surtax. A tax of 22½ per cent. of the assessed value, by the Customs, i.e., \$22.50 on every \$100 worth of tobacco products, shall be collected on all native manufactured tobacco products. The required taxes and duties having been paid, all cigarettes and tobacco products shall be allowed to be transhipped throughout the country without being liable to further taxation.

4.—With regard to the stamp tax on cigarettes, the tax office of a particular locality concerned shall appoint officers to be stationed at the factories and supervise the affixing of the stamps, whether the factories be within or without foreign Settlements and Treaty Ports. Stamps shall be affixed on all packages and boxes on the market and all merchandise found without the stamps shall be classified as smuggled goods and be treated accordingly.

5.—With reference to matters incidental to investigation and prevention of smuggling, the Ministry of Finance shall instruct its several and different organs in charge to co-operate with the various provincial and municipal governments, as well as the military and the police authorities of each particular locality.

6.—Regulations governing the management of cigarette and rolled tobacco businesses shall be drawn up separately.

7.—All other matters, not coming under these regulations, shall be provided for by separate Ordinances of the Ministry of Finance.

8.—These regulations shall take effect from the date of their promulgation.

being retained while the duty on barbed wire had been removed. It was decided to address Government in the matter of the inconsistencies referred to in the hope that early steps would be taken to regularise same.

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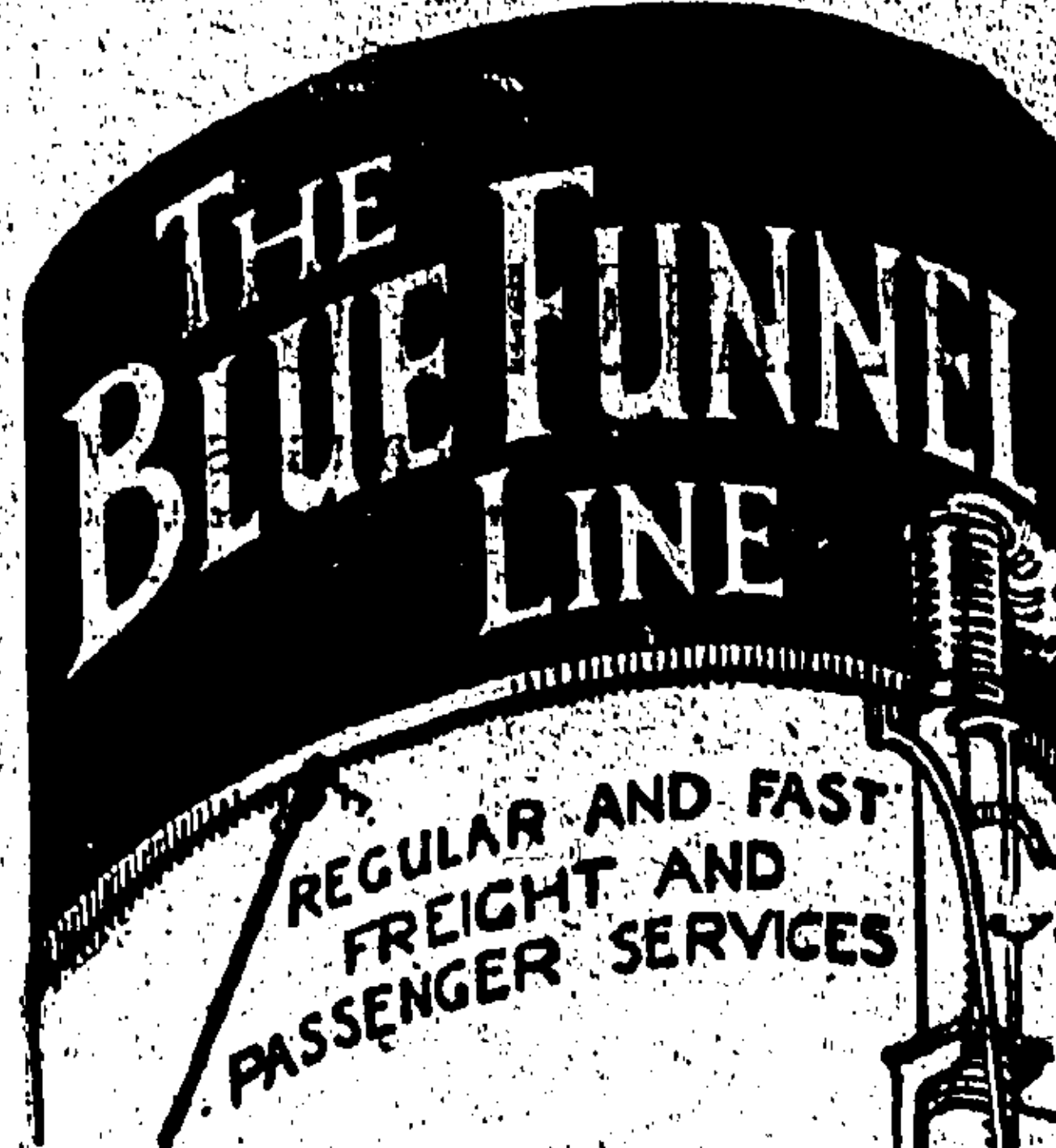
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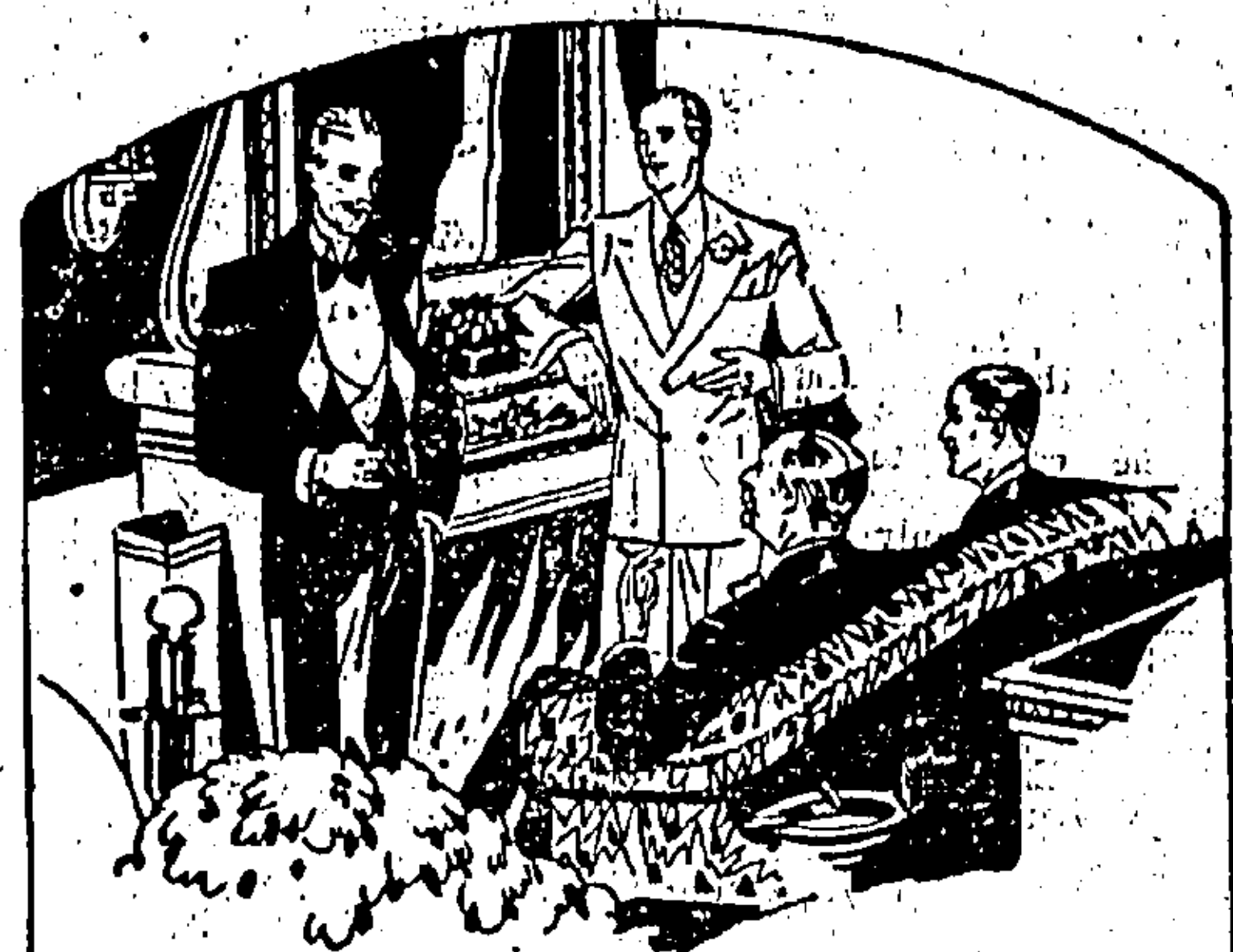
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CATERER'S WAGES.

SEQUEL TO EMPLOYMENT ON SHIP.

In the Summary Court yesterday
afternoon before Mr. Justice J. R.
Wood, Tsang Su, 31 Des Voeux Road
Central, third floor, sued the Tung
Yick Company, 22 Connaught Road
West, second floor, shipping mer-
chants, for \$200.03 as wages due while
engaged on board the s.s. Poo Tye.

The plaintiff conducted his own case
and also on behalf of a number of
other men whom he had employed.
Mr. W. D. Owen appeared for the de-
fendants.

His Lordship questioned the plain-
tiff as to why he was claiming on be-
half of the other men and eventually
limited his claim.

The plaintiff said that the ship was
damaged in August last year and
again in the following month after
which it was laid up at Shamshuipo
and had not been again used up to
the present time.

When the ship was laid up he was
discharged. Explaining
why he claimed wages for the
other men plaintiff said he was told
to bring the men back on board the
next day by the manager. He ad-
mitted that the term of his service on
the ship while it was running was about
a month.

Mr. Owen said his case was that the
plaintiff had been paid for one month
and that was all he was entitled to.
Mr. C. W. Coysh, deputy master,
produced the articles which, he said,
were still valid. It was the regular
custom for a crew to "sign off" but
the plaintiff had not been "signed off."

As far as he (witness) knew none of
them had. The only other way in
which that contract could be broken
was by desertion and in that case it
did not matter whether a vessel was
running or was in dock.

The treasurer of the company gave
evidence to the effect that the man-
ager had told the plaintiff to return
with his men but denied that anything
was said about wages. Witness ad-
ded he did not think wages should be
given as the plaintiff, who was doing
the catering, should make enough pro-
fit on that work.

Entitled To Wages.

The plaintiff recalled contended
that he was entitled to continue to re-
ceive his pay under the articles after
the manager had told him to return.

Mr. Owen said he was in a difficulty
because the manager was out of the
Colony and it would take a week to
get him.

In summarising the case his Lordship
said that when the ship was running
the plaintiff commenced a contract on
August 24-25. That contract he
made, in fact, with the defendant
company. That contract, as the
plaintiff had explained it and which
was not contradicted, was to the
effect that he himself should receive
\$80 a month as caterer and could em-
ploy 15 others on board the boat when
it was running and that he should
make a profit out of the catering ar-
rangements.

That contract ran for about a
month. At the end of the month the
ship was laid up and that contract
therefore expired. The question was
whether a new contract had super-
vened when he was told to return to
the boat. The plaintiff said that a
new contract had supervened and it
was on that contract on which he was
suing.

There was no doubt from the evi-
dence that under that contract he re-
mained on board to perform certain
duties and that he had done so at the
request of the managing partner of
the defendant firm. Therefore it was
under an arrangement with the defen-
dant firm that he was to be there. The
only question was whether, under the terms
of that arrangement, he should receive
wages.

His Lordship said he must find for
the plaintiff on the amount in the
articles for the period, which was
\$200.77, and gave judgment for that
amount with costs on the same sum.

Another Case.

Another case against the same de-
fendants was then called, the plaintiff

JUNK PIRACY.

PASSENGER STRIPPED OF CLOTHING.

The hearing was continued before
Mr. R. E. Lindsay at the Central
Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, of
the case in which four Chinese are
charged with participating in the
piracy of a trading junk plying be-
tween Shamshuipo and Shaikwan.

Lam Ham, a vegetable dealer who
shipped a consignment of vegetables
and was himself on board acting as
supercargo, described the piracy as he
saw it within the limited compass of
the hold of the junk, where he remain-
ed cooped up for two days. However,
he was able to obtain a glimpse of
the robbers, being at one time made
to strip himself of his clothing and to
give it to the men. He could say
that the first and second defendants
were amongst the armed men.

Witness saw very little of the re-
mains of the cargo ashore at Joss
House Bay, but in the subsequent pur-
suit by the police, as the robbers
abandoned the boat and took to the
hills, he saw the first defendant being
arrested. He also saw the second de-
fendant again at the Shaikwan
Police Station.

The hearing was adjourned until
this afternoon.

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J. B. Cranston, Mr. C. E. Swim, Mr.
and Mrs. Leon H. Trol, Mr. and Mrs.
M. D. Royer.

being Leung Hing, 820 Canton Road,
Yau-mat, engineer. He claimed \$410.
60 as balance due for wages.
The case was adjourned until
Friday.

An unsuccessful venture in
search of diamonds in West Africa
was mentioned at Bankruptcy
Buildings, Carey-street, when the
creditors met under a receiving
order made against John Alexander
Campbell Butcher, described as
of New Bond-street, W., trad-
ing as John Butcher and Com-
pany. The statement of affairs
showed liabilities of £45,218 (of
which £34,265 were ranking) and
established assets of £3,966. Mr.
Butcher in 1922 became a director
of a company formed to search for
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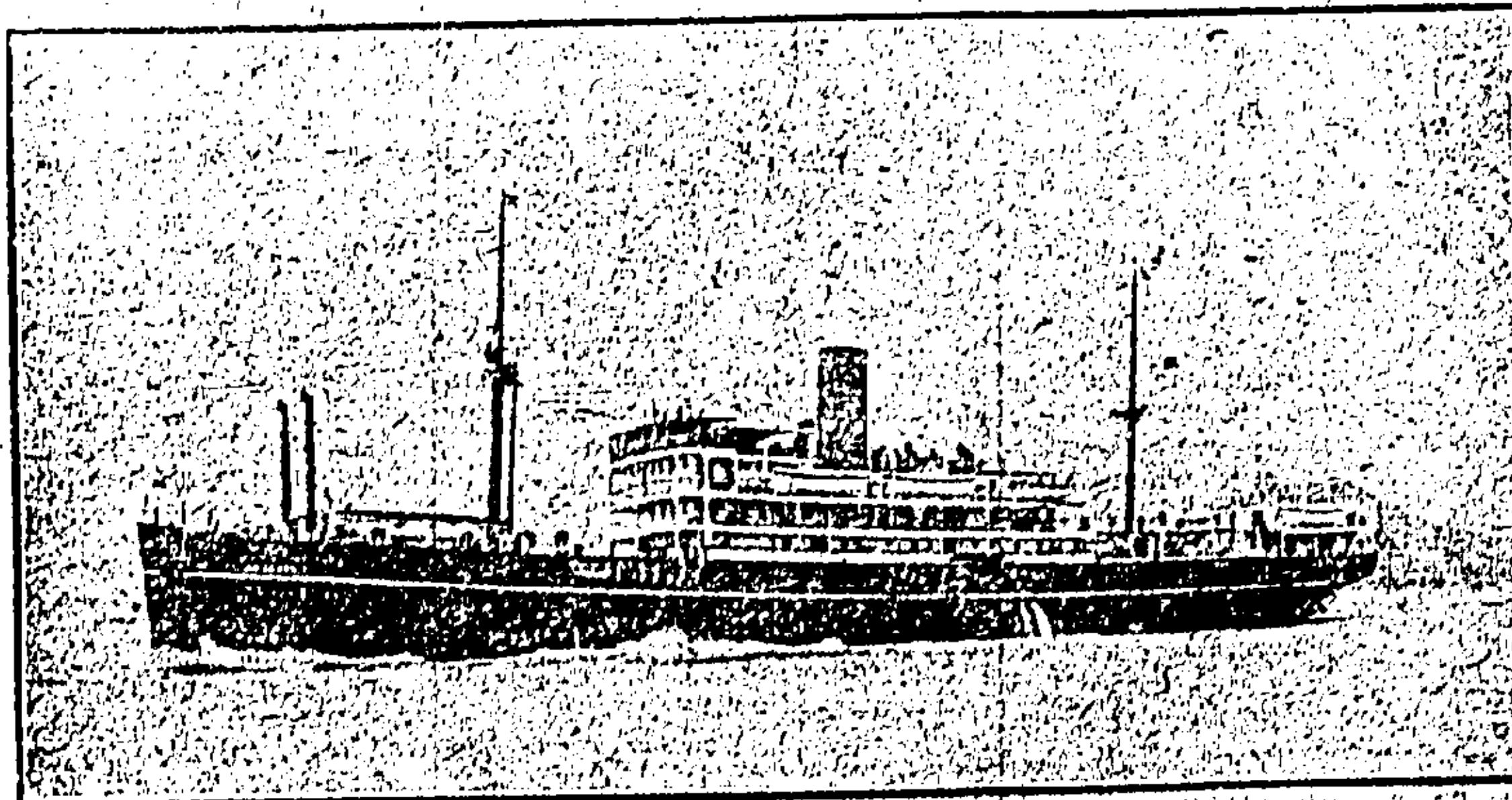
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MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Marseilles & London
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KARMALA	9,123	12th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TILAWA	10,006	12th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TALMA	10,000	20th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
KALYAN	9,144	25th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
TAKIWA	7,935	1st Mar.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka

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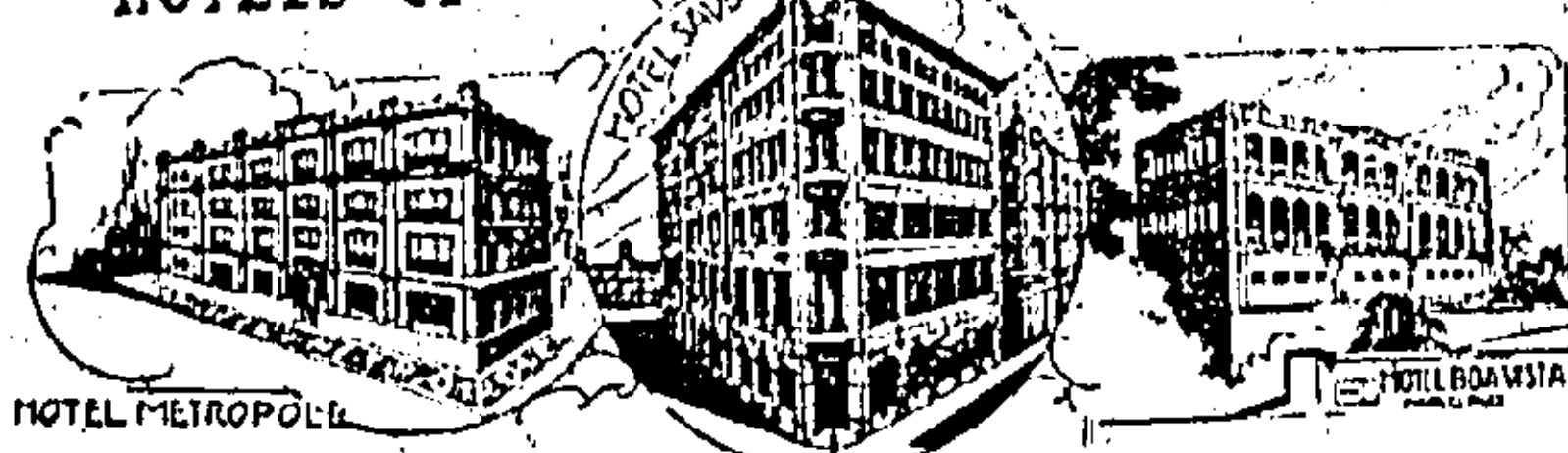
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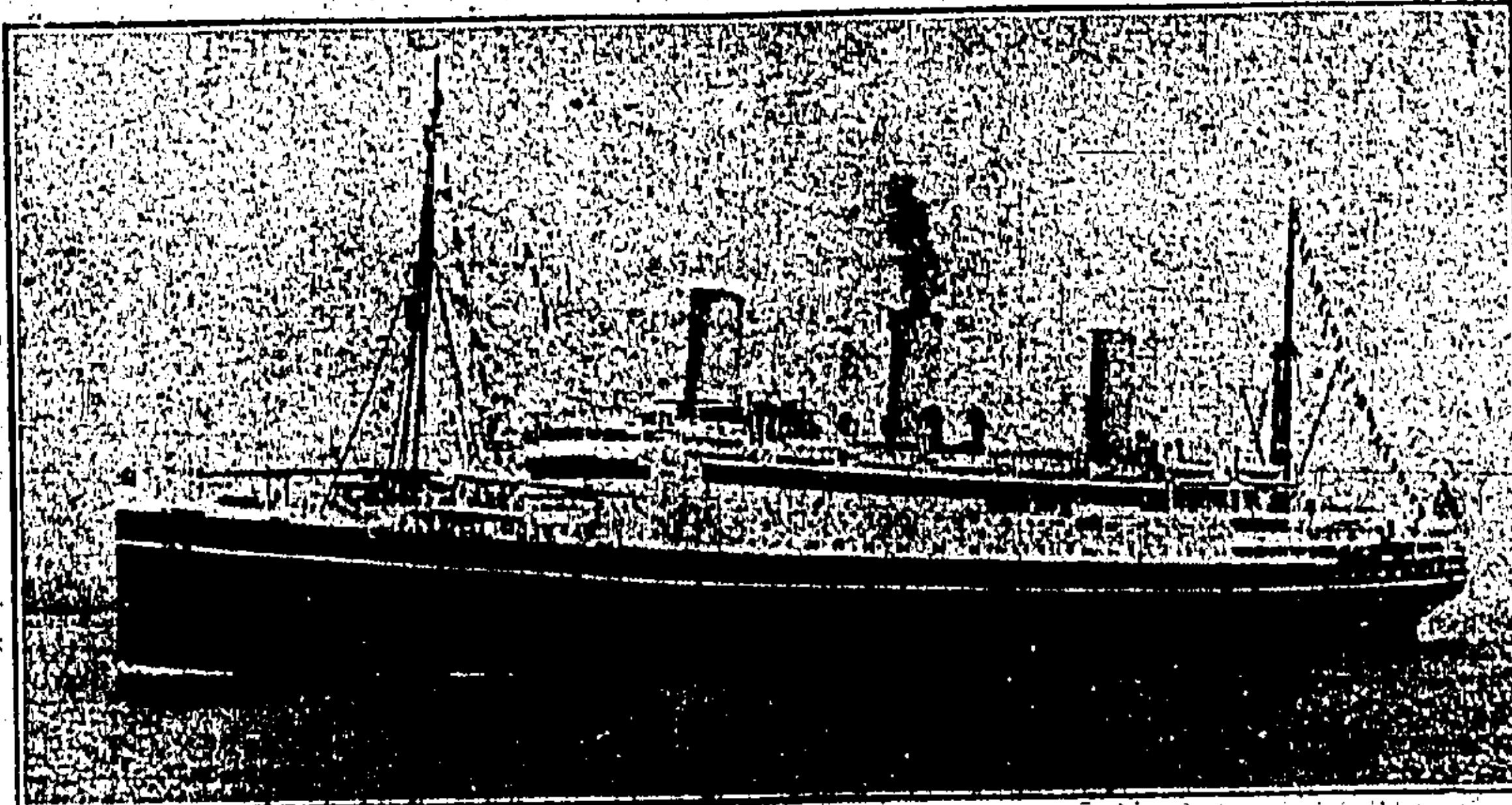
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WOMAN PICKLES
HERSELF ALIVE.DOCTOR'S REPORT ON A
REMARKABLE CASE.

In a letter in the "British
Medical Journal" concerning the
condition of a woman in Shrop-
shire, she is described as "being as
nearly as possible pickled alive."
For 30 years she drank daily large
quantities of vinegar, and
ultimately died from chronic in-
toxication.

The writer, Dr. D. A. Urquhart,
of Shrewsbury, states:

In August 1921 I was called to
see a woman aged 60. She was in
bed, looked ill, but was mentally
bright and alert. Beside her stood
a quart bottle of vinegar, three
parts empty. This quantity she
acknowledged she had consumed
during the same day.

I learned from her relatives that
this was about her usual daily
ration; that, in fact, she never ate
anything without washing it down
with a liberal quantity of the
liquid. This had been her habit
for as many as 30 years.

Weighed But 38lb.

At one time she had weighed
112lb.; now her weight was 38lb.
Till a week before she had been up
and about the house, but during
the last five weeks she had taken
no food; nevertheless, she had not
decreased her daily quantity of
vinegar.

Her temperature was subnormal,
her hands and forearms and her
feet and legs were almost black.
She had no pulsations in the
arteries below the elbow and knee.
She was most emaciated, but no
signs of malignant disease con-
sistent with such an advanced state
of emaciation could be discovered.

The woman was taken to the
Royal Salop Infirmary, and died
within 48 hours.

"An inquest was held," writes
Dr. Urquhart, "and the verdict that
death was due to a chronic in-
toxication (the intoxicant being
commercial vinegar) was concur-
red in by the coroner, the resident
physician (Dr. Evans) and myself."

To me it appears remarkable
that the woman lived so long. The
state of acidosis was evidently pre-
vented by the formation of acetic
salts, which were in turn broken
down, but the condition of her
digestive organs gradually became
worse, till they reached a state of
complete abrogation of function."

NEW EXTRADITION
REQUEST.

(Continued from Page 1.)

his position to extort money from
the villagers. It was not true
that the second fugitive was one
of these alleged victims.

Military Raid.

Witness described a military
raid carried out by the regulars on
the village, in a search for band-
its and bad characters, at which
he acted as guide. In this
skirmish, four villagers were shot
dead, and four arrested and later
executed.

Witness denied that it was
under his orders that a double-
but owned by the second fugitive
was burnt down by the soldiery.
Incendiarism was practised by the
raiding party only when they
found that the fugitive had
escaped from this house.

The proceedings were adjourned.

FINE WEATHER EXPECTED.

To-day's Observatory report
states:—The anticyclone has weak-
ened. It is central over the lower
Yangtze Valley. Fresh monsoon
may be expected along the south-
east coast of China and over the
China Sea.

The forecast up to noon to-mor-
row is:—North-east winds, fresh;
overcast at first, finer later.

FERRY BARRIER
CLIMBING.FIREMAN'S ASSAULT CHARGE
FAILS.

NOT PRIVILEGED.

Finding that the complainant
had committed a breach of the
Star Ferry regulations by attempt-
ing to climb over a barrier, Mr. W.
Schofield at the Kowloon Magis-
tracy this morning, dismissed a
charge of assault brought by a
Kowloon fireman against S. L. M.
Sherriff, a ticket collector.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara appeared
for the defendant.

The complainant said he was ap-
proaching the ticket office of the
third class entrance of the Hong-
kong Ferry Wharf on January 20,
when the defendant caught him by
his coat. On being asked the rea-
son, the defendant struck witness
in the face with a ticket punch.
Witness could suggest no reason
for the blow.

In reply to Mr. Macnamara, wit-
ness denied there were twenty to
thirty persons attempting to pass
the turnstile. Witness further
denied that he climbed on the bar-
rier.

The defendant stated he was on
duty at the time of the alleged
offence. There were about twenty
to thirty people waiting to pass.
The complainant arrived and tried
to push his way to the front of
the crowd, but witness told him to
wait. He then climbed on the
barrier but witness pulled him
down.

Retaliation.

The complainant struck witness
and witness hit back. He did not
have a ticket punch but was wear-
ing a ring. Orders had been given
to prevent anyone climbing over
the barriers.

His Worship remarked that both
sides were agreed that the defend-
ant had struck the complainant but
a reason had only been given by
the defendant.

Mr. Macnamara pointed out that
the defendant's story was quite
plausible, and added that Govern-
ment servants, for some reason or
other, think that they are privi-
leged.

"The whole matter was very tri-
vial," said Mr. Macnamara, and
he did not wish to complicate mat-
ters by taking out a cross summons
for assault or for breach of the
Ferry bye-laws.

In dismissing the case, his Wor-
ship reprimanded the complainant
for his conduct in attempting to
climb the barrier.

PRISON AND BIRCH.

A Chinese charged, before Mr.
W. Schofield at the Kowloon
Magistracy this morning, with
snatching a gold chain from a
small Chinese girl in Portland
Street on January 24, was senten-
ced to six months' hard labour and
15 strokes of the birch.

It was stated that the girl was
paying her New Year calls when
the defendant snatched her chain
and ran away, to be caught after
a chase by the girl's uncle.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to
to-day's questions:—

1. The Louvre: by X-ray and ultra-violet ray
photography. 2. Red, blue, yellow, and black
exp. 3. Independent Labour Party; Mr. Keir
Hardie; Mr. Philip Snowden. 4. Persons must
be sixty-five years of age, and must have been
insured for five years under the National
Health Insurance Act. 5. (a) Collar-bone,
(b) upper arm, (c) thigh. 6. Russia. 7.
Petrol vapour; gas, coal, oil, kerosene. 8.
His nephew, afterwards Napoleon III. 9. A
mythical monster, half man, half bull;
Thauris. 10. A symphony is a musical com-
position for a full orchestra. In a concerto
one instrument carries the principal part, only
accompanied in places by other instruments.
11. Athens. 12. A floral style, involving over-
decoration; eighteenth century.

BRIDE JUMPS
OVERBOARD.TRAGEDY IN BLIZZARD IN
MID-ATLANTIC.

How a young bride jumped over-
board when returning across the
Atlantic from New York to Glas-
gow was described by officers of the
Anchor liner Transylvania when
the vessel reached the Clyde last
month.

The bride, Mrs. Thomson,
formerly Miss Jean Brown, of
Partick, left her home six weeks
ago for New York, where she was
married to her fiancé. What
caused her sudden decision to re-
turn home has not yet been re-
vealed.

Mrs. Thomson was travelling
steerage, and in view of her health
she was under the care of a
stewardess.

On the third night of the voyage
she was playing cards, and the
stewardess had to leave her for a
few minutes. When she returned
Mrs. Thomson was missing.

Blizzard Raging.

It is believed that she found her
way down to the lower deck and
there jumped into the sea. There
was no moon and a blizzard was
raging at the time, with the result
that very few passengers were
about.

One woman states that she saw
Mrs. Thomson go over the rails and
made an attempt to seize her.

She raised the alarm and the
vessel cruised about the spot for
several hours. Searchlights were
thrown on to the water, but no trace
of Mrs. Thomson was seen.

Her family in Partick believed
that she was happily married, and
the message reporting her disap-
pearance in mid-ocean came as such
a shock that her mother is now
seriously ill.

PAY OR APPEAL!

AN AMERICAN REMOVES
ASSETS.

Before Mr. Justice Rowlett in
the King's Bench Division recently,
there was the Christmas-time
"ground up" of income and other tax
defaulters.

"When people are assessed for
duties, my advice to them is either
to pay or appeal," said the Judge.

"If you appeal, prosecute your
appeal. I am always trying to
hurry up the officials concerned by
pointing to delays, but it is no good
letting things slide, and having
these expensive proceedings for
judgment brought against you."

One of the cases concerned Mr.
Harry Payne Whitney, the Ameri-
can millionaire, who owed
£77,866 13s. 4d.

The Attorney General said that
this was a repercussions of an old
case which decided that a foreigner
resident abroad was none the less
liable to super-tax. Mr. Whitney
had fought the assessment right
up to the House of Lords, who de-
cided that although resident abroad
he could be taxed on his interests
in this country. After assurances
that he was good for the money
owing, it was now stated that Mr.
Whitney had no assets in England,
because he had removed them in
the meantime.

"I am not disputing the morality
of that proceeding," said Sir
Douglas. "I am only asking for
judgment against him for £77,866."
Judgment was entered for the
amount claimed.

Actress's Income.

Judgment was given against
Lord Robert Innes-Ker for £4,374
in respect of income-tax.

After studying the amounts of
the assessment made against Lord
Robert, the Judge observed that he
must have held a very good office.
Mr. Hills (for the Crown)—He
is assessed for his wife's income.

Mr. Justice Rowlett—if must
have been very good employment.

Mr. Hills—it was, then, my Lord
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FINAL SHOWINGS

TO-DAY

Orchestra 5.15 and 9.20.

Interpret 2.30 and 7.15.

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The Crown
of Lies

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Continues from 2.30 to 11.15.